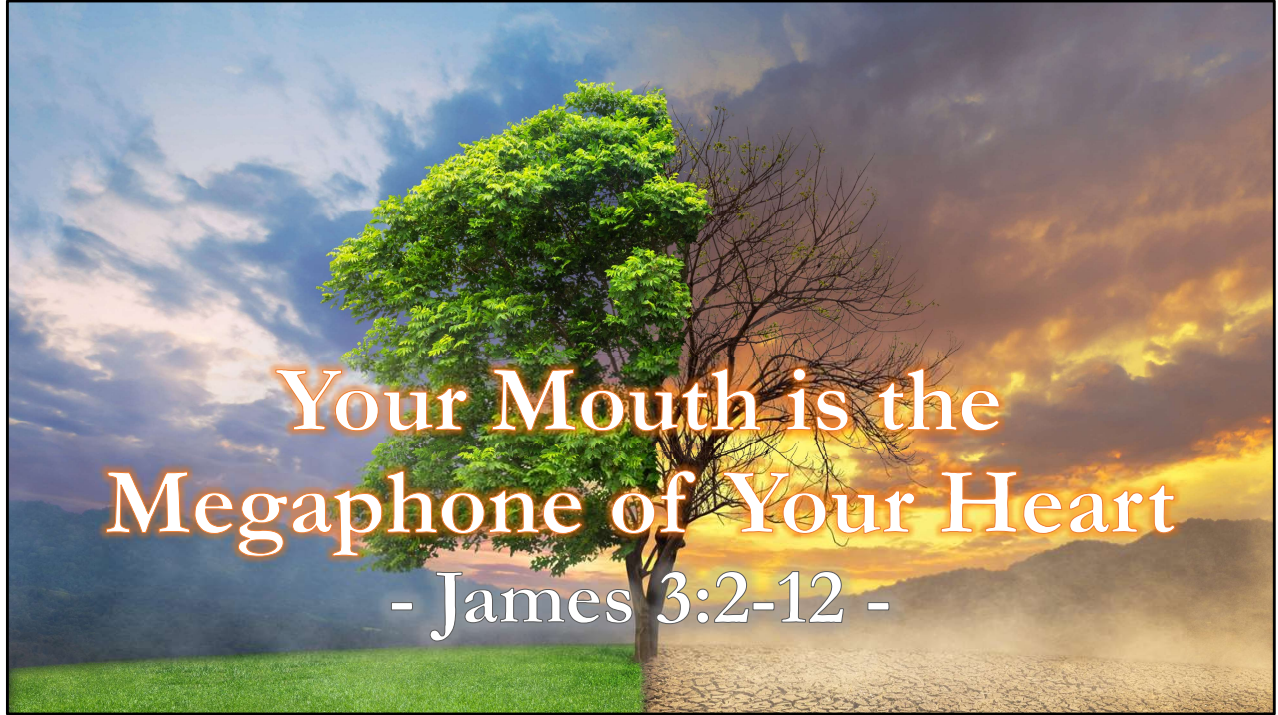


Faith
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A Study in the Book of James

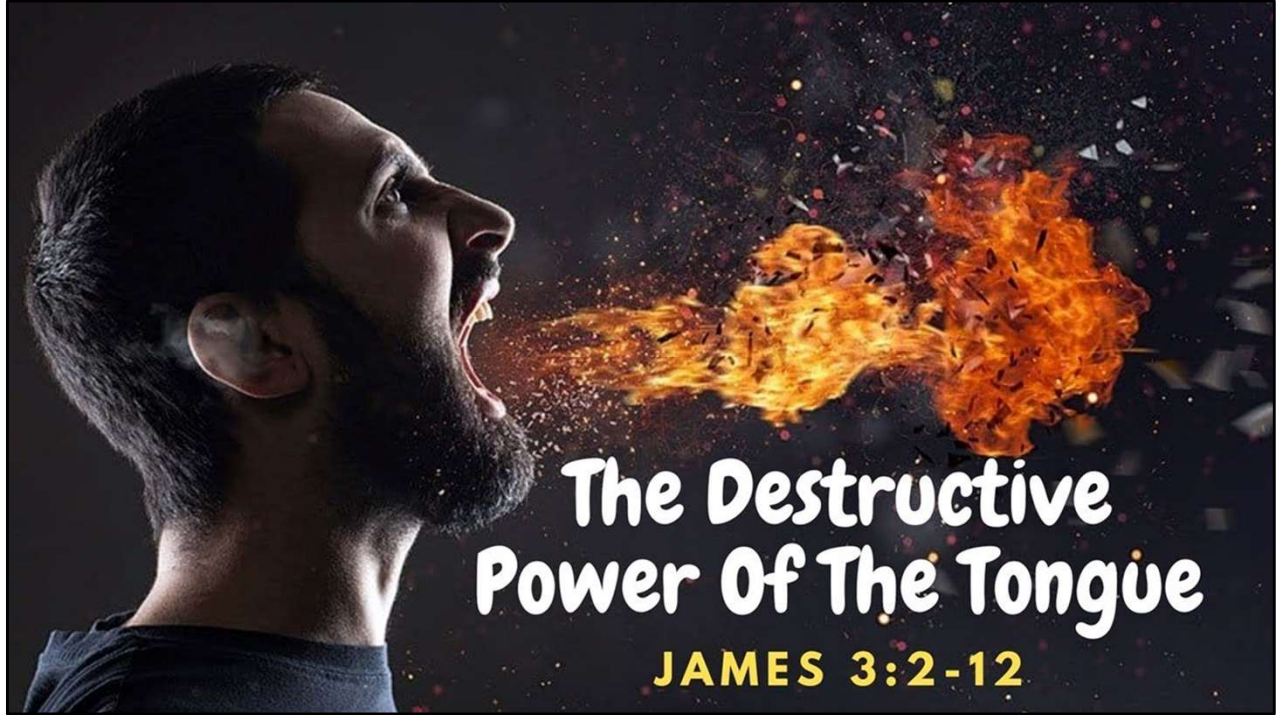


3:1-2, 13 Does your walk cash the check your mouth writes?
Were going to cover verse 1 next week!

Your mouth is the Overflow of your heart! What is your heart Full of?

Does your walk cash the check your mouth writes?
Ja.2:2-12 Your Mouth is the megaphone of your heart!
the bridle the blessing
The Test of the Tongue
The spiritual tongue depressor
Taming the tongue
- The Monster in Your Mouth

The tongue; Set on fire of Hell or Heaven!
The tongue; a taste of Hell or Heaven



The Destructive Power Of The Tongue

JAMES 3:2-12

We all stumble in many ways

- Dr's always check your tongue for your health!
- LEO's know; just keep the "perp" talking!
- "Bite Your Tongue! Or you will eat your words!"

We left off at our Works! Now our words!

Jas 3:2 For we all stumble in many [ways.] If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to rein in the whole body as well.

Seneca once said, "Speech is the index of the mind."

We're told there are some 100,000,000 microscopic critters living on that hunk of muscle between our teeth.

By looking at your tongue a doctor can tell a lot about our physical condition.

Ever have an instantaneous verbal response that came from your mouth that surprised even you? What was it? Are you shocked or shamed?

Who of us hasn't said things we were ashamed of?

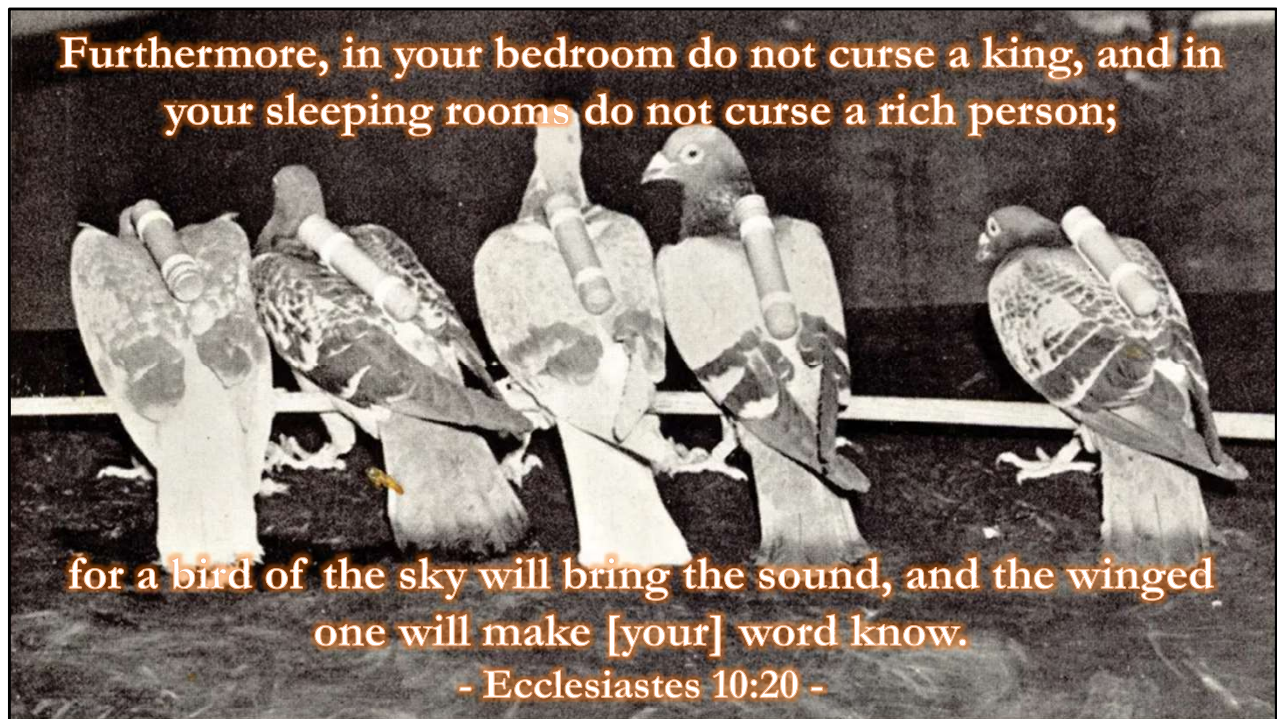
Families!

"I can't believe what my son just said to me." Do any of you have rewind words that others have said to you that you'll never forget? How about I Hate you! Or your nothing but a ____

Could you ever be the best White House spokesperson????!

We all stumble in many ways

- “By examining the tongue ... Christians find out the diseases of the soul.” - Justin Martyr
- “No weapon is so terrible as a tongue - sharpened on the devil’s grindstone ...” - Charles Spurgeon



[Ecc 10:20 NASB20] 20 Furthermore, in your bedroom do not curse a king, and in your sleeping rooms do not curse a rich person; for a bird of the sky will bring the sound, and the winged one will make [your] word known.

[Act 23:5 NASB20] 5 And Paul said, "I was not aware, brothers, that he is high priest; for it is written: 'YOU SHALL NOT SPEAK EVIL OF A RULER OF YOUR PEOPLE.'"

[Ecc 7:21-22 NASB20] 21 Also, do not take seriously all the words which are spoken, so that you do not hear your servant cursing you, 22 for you know that even you have cursed others many times as well.

Luk 12:2-3 "But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. 3 "Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

Carrier Pigeons

Thief and the Parrot Story

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house that he thought was empty. He stealthily crept through the lounge and was stopped dead in his tracks when he heard a loud voice clearly saying, 'Jesus is watching you!'

Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. 'Jesus is watching you',

the voice rang out again. The thief stopped dead again. He was frightened out of his wits. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a birdcage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot, 'Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?' 'Yes', said the parrot. The burglar breathed a heavy sigh of relief and asked the parrot: 'What's your name?' 'Moses', said the bird. 'That's a stupid name for a parrot,' sneered the burglar. 'What idiot named you Moses?' The parrot said, 'The same idiot who named the Rottweiler Jesus.'

One of my children butt called me one day while in HS and told on themselves

The Tongue illustrated

- We put the bits into the horses' mouth - 3:3
- Ships ... so large ... directed by a very small rudder - 3:4
- A forest is set aflame by such a small fire! - 3:5-6
- Every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed - 3:7-8

A light horse, the type a cowboy would generally ride, stands 14-2 to 17 hands and weighs **800 to 1,300 pounds**. Large draft horses, such as the Belgian or Percheron, tower 15-2 to 19 hands and weigh 1,500 to 2,600 pounds.
Estuary – where salt and fresh water meet

1st 2 are linked to travel influenced by mans designs, the rest to nature, the 2nd 2 demonstrate power that needs restraint, the last 2 contrast fresh and bitter, sweet And salty/oily and their stark difference

Small but powerful/controlling!

The potential for serious damage that can get out of control...a Wildfire

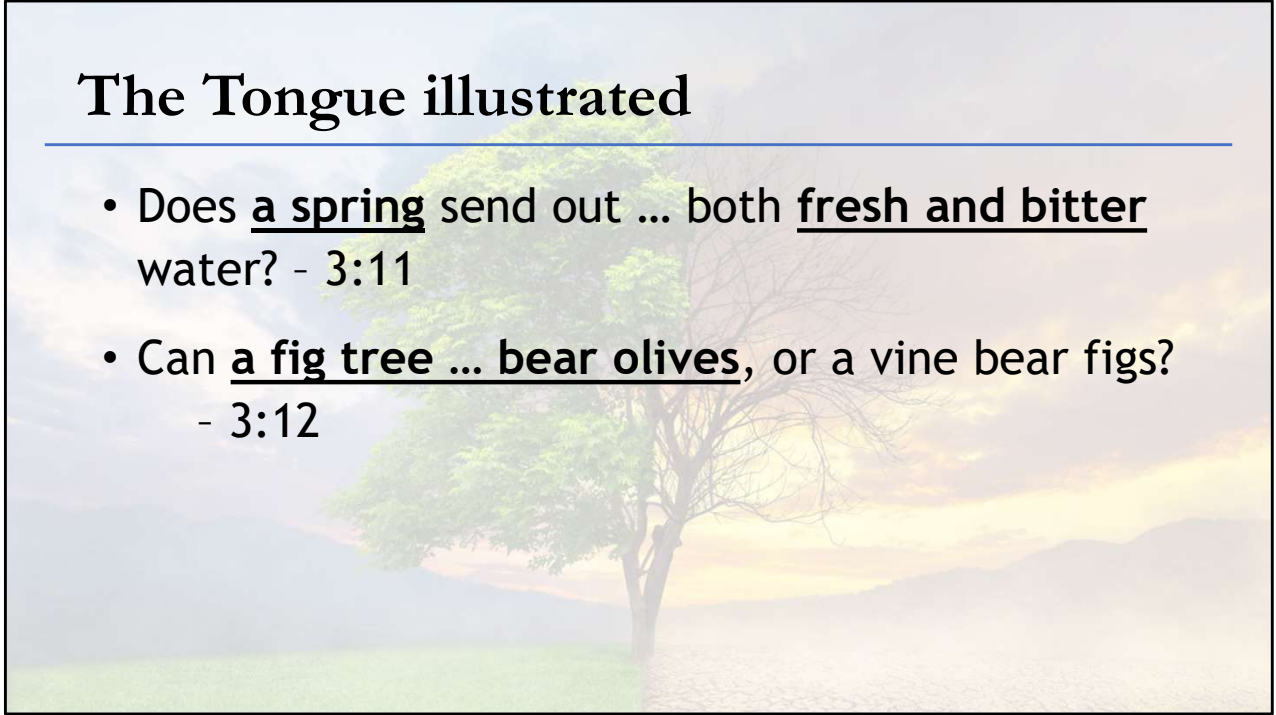
Man can/has subdued every creature of the earth, except his own tongue!!

Imagine a water fountain that goes back and forth between salt and spring water?!!

The produce you bear comes from the heart! Figs are sweet!

The Tongue illustrated

- Does a spring send out ... both fresh and bitter water? - 3:11
- Can a fig tree ... bear olives, or a vine bear figs?
- 3:12





Lying (Lion) Tamer
Snake Charmer

Killer Whales! Elephants!

Yet we can't control our tongues!!
If only we'd recognize our tongues as being as dangerous!

By your words you will be condemned!

- Matthew 12:34 - “You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, express [any] good things? For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart.”
- Matthew 12:36-37 - “But I tell you that [for] every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on [the] day of judgement. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Out of the Overflow of the heart the mouth speaks,

[Lev 18:28 NASB20] 28 so that the land will not vomit you out should you defile it, as it has vomited out the nation which was [there] before you.

[Pro 25:16 NASB20] 16 Have you found honey? Eat [only] what you need, So that you do not have it in excess and vomit it.

[Pro 26:11 NASB20] 11 Like a dog that returns to its vomit, So is a fool who repeats his foolishness.

[2Pe 2:22 NASB20] 22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, [returns] to wallowing in the mire."

[Rev 3:16 NASB20] 16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

[Psa 34:13 NASB20] 13 Keep your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit.

[Pro 13:3 NASB20] 3 One who guards his mouth protects his life; One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

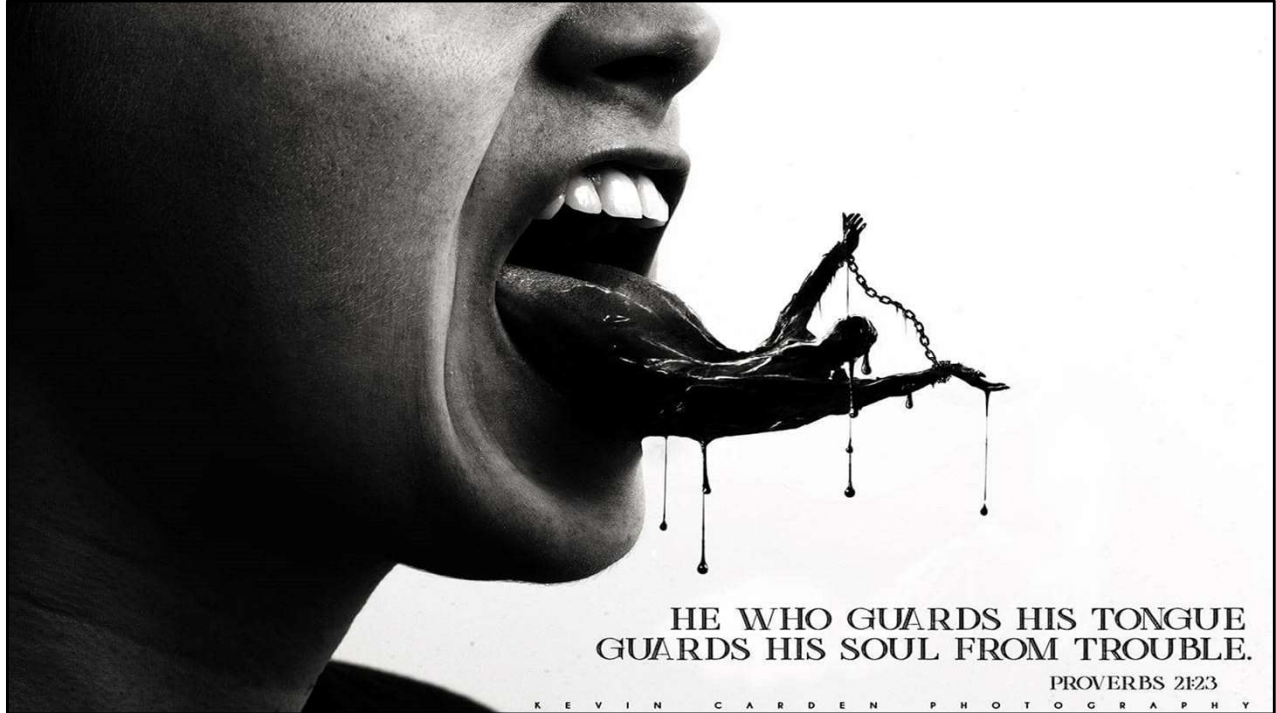
[1Pe 3:10 NASB20] 10 For, "THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT.

[Mat 12:37 NASB20] 37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words

you will be condemned."

[1Co 9:27 NASB20] 27 but I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

[Mat 12:34-37 NASB20] 34 "You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, express [any] good things? For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart. 35 "The good person brings out of [his] good treasure good things; and the evil person brings out of [his] evil treasure evil things. 36 "But I tell you that [for] every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on [the] day of judgment. 37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."



[Pro 21:23 NASB20] 23 One who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles.

[Pro 4:23-24 NASB20] 23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it [flow] the springs of life. 24 Rid yourself of a deceitful mouth And keep devious speech far from you.

[Pro 10:19 NASB20] 19 When there are many words, wrongdoing is unavoidable, But one who restrains his lips is wise.

[Pro 12:13 NASB20] 13 An evil person is ensnared by the offense of his lips, But the righteous will escape from trouble.

[Pro 13:3 NASB20] 3 One who guards his mouth protects his life; One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

[Pro 17:27-28 NASB20] 27 One who withholds his words has knowledge, And one who has a cool spirit is a person of understanding. 28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips, he is [considered] prudent.

[Pro 18:21 NASB20] 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

The 10 Commandments

- Exodus 20:7 - **“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,** for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain. ...
- Exodus 20:12 - **“Honor your father and your mother”**

2 of the 10 commandments if not 4!!! Have to do with the tongue! And also have connections with a few others!

[Exo 20:12 NASB20] 12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be prolonged on the land which the LORD your God gives you.

[Exo 21:17 NASB20] 17 "And one who curses his father or his mother shall certainly be put to death.

[Pro 20:20 NASB20] 20 He who curses his father or his mother, His lamp will go out in time of darkness.

[Pro 30:11, 17 NASB20] 11 There is a kind [of person] who curses his father And does not bless his mother. ... 17 The eye that mocks a father And scorns a mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

[Mat 15:4-6 NASB20] 4 "For God said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,' and, **'THE ONE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.'** 5

"But you say, 'Whoever says to [his] father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given [to God,]" 6 he is not to honor his father [or mother.]" And [by this] you have invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

[Eph 6:1-3 NASB20] 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 SO THAT IT MAY TURN OUT WELL FOR YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

[Col 3:20 NASB20] 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.

[Exo 23:6-7 NASB20] 6 "You shall not pervert the justice [due] to your needy [brother] in his dispute. 7 "Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent or the righteous, for I will not acquit the guilty.

[Lev 19:11, 16 NASB20] 11 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. ... 16 'You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people; [and] you are not to jeopardize the life of your neighbor. I am the LORD.

[Deu 19:15-16 NASB20] 15 "A single witness shall not rise up against a person regarding any wrongdoing or any sin that he commits; on the testimony of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed. 16 "If a malicious witness rises up against a person to testify against him of wrongdoing,

[Psa 15:3 NASB20] 3 He does not slander with his tongue, Nor do evil to his neighbor, Nor bring shame on his friend;

[Psa 101:5, 7 NASB20] 5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy; I will not endure one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart. ... 7 One who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house; One who speaks lies shall not maintain his position before me.

[Pro 10:18 NASB20] 18 One who conceals hatred [has] lying lips, And one who spreads slander is a fool.

[Pro 11:13 NASB20] 13 One who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, But one who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

[Eph 4:31 NASB20] 31 All bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander must be removed from you, along with all malice.

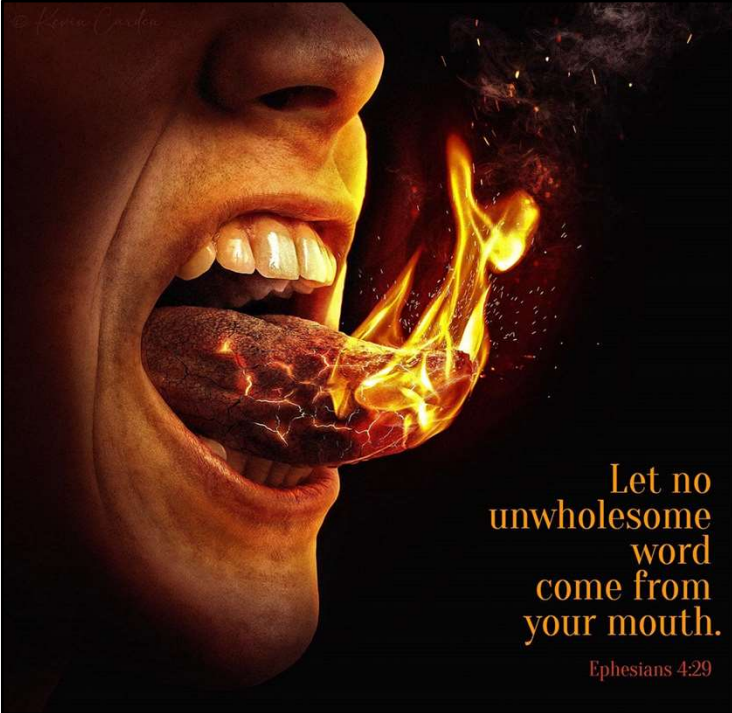
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[2Ti 3:3 NASB20] 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,

[Jas 4:11 NASB20] 11 Do not speak against one another, brothers [and sisters.] The one who speaks against a brother [or sister,] or judges his brother [or sister,] speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge [of it.]

The 10 Commandments

- Exodus 20:13 - “You shall not murder.” - Mt 5:22-37
- Exodus 20:16 - “**You shall not give false testimony (Lie)** against your neighbor.” (this verse is more than lying)



Let no
unwholesome
word
come from
your mouth.
Ephesians 4:29

**Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if [there is] and good [word] for edification according to the need [of the moment, say that], so that it will give grace to those who hear.
- Ephesians 4:29 -**

[Eph 4:29 NASB20] 29 Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if [there is] any good [word] for edification according to the need [of the moment, say that,] so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Be slow to speak! Say what you mean! ...

- Matthew 5:22 - “But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be answerable to the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing’, shall be answerable to the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool (Moron)’, shall be guilty [enough to go] into the fiery hell. ...

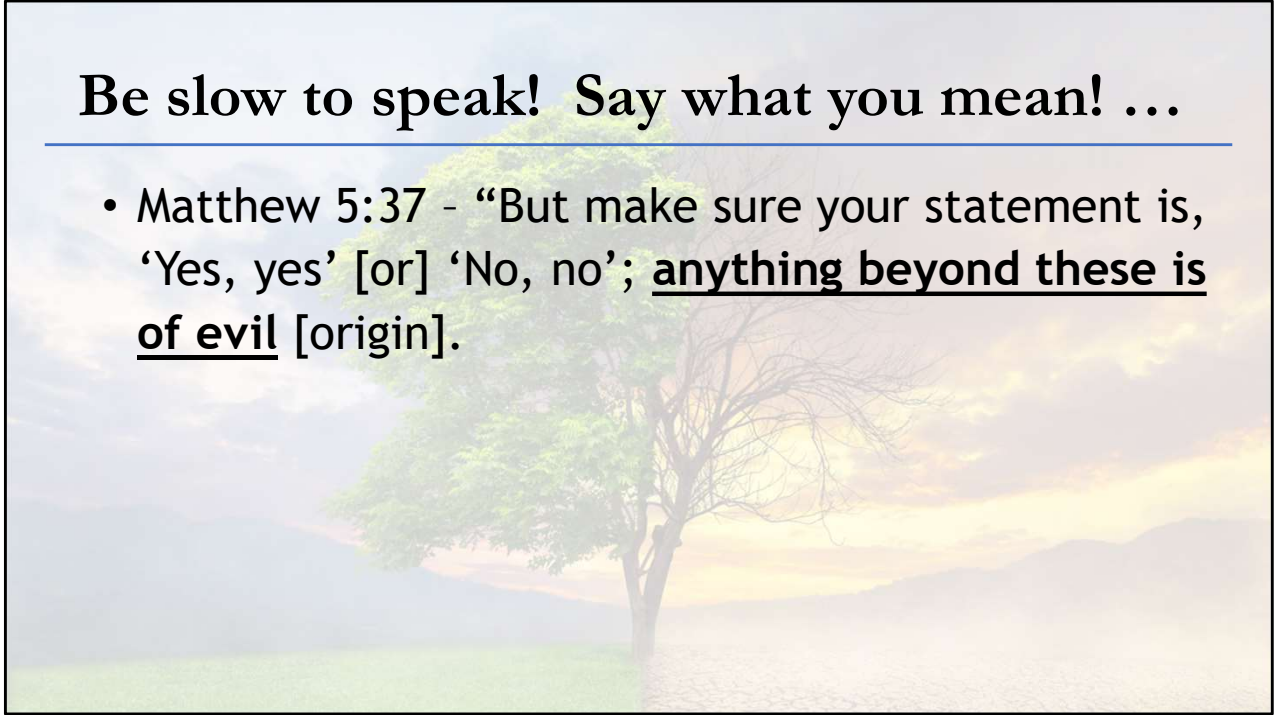
Say what you mean and mean what you say! Your word is your integrity! Your bond

Raca = Empty head

You fool [G3474](#) μωρέ μωρός mōros Moron/Idiot

Be slow to speak! Say what you mean! ...

- Matthew 5:37 - “But make sure your statement is, ‘Yes, yes’ [or] ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil [origin].





[Jas 3:8 NASB20] 8 But no one [among] mankind can tame the tongue; [it is] a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

Rom.3 Deadly poison/Forked tongue

When he lies, he speaks his native language

- John 8:44 - “You are of [your] father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him.

Whenever he tells a lie, he speaks from his own [nature], because he is a liar and the father of lies.

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[Rev 21:8 NASB20] 8 "But for the cowardly, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and sexually immoral persons, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part [will be] in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

[Psa 116:11 NASB20] 11 I said in my alarm, "All people are liars."

[Lev 19:11 NASB20] 11 'You shall not steal, **nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.**

[Jer 7:9-11 NASB20] 9 "Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, **swear falsely,** offer sacrifices to Baal, and follow other gods that you have not known, 10 then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are saved!'--so that you may do all these abominations? 11 "Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I Myself have seen [it,]" declares the LORD.

[Zec 8:16-17 NASB20] 16 'These are the things which you shall do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace at your gates. 17 'Also

let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, and do not love perjury; for all these [things] are what I hate,' declares the LORD."

[Psa 101:7 NASB20] 7 One who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house; One who speaks lies shall not maintain his position before me.

[Psa 116:11 NASB20] 11 I said in my alarm, "All people are liars."

[Jer 9:3-5 NASB20] 3 "They bend their tongues [like] their bows; Lies and not truth prevail in the land; For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me," declares the LORD. 4 "Let everyone be on guard against his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; Because every brother utterly betrays, And every neighbor goes about as a slanderer. 5 "Everyone deceives his neighbor And does not speak the truth. They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves committing wrongdoing.

[Act 5:3 NASB20] 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back [some] of the proceeds of the land?

[Rom 3:4 NASB20] 4 Far from it! Rather, God must prove to be true, though every person [be found] a liar, as it is written: "SO THAT YOU ARE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

[Eph 4:25 NASB20] 25 Therefore, ridding yourselves of falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE [OF YOU] WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, because we are parts of one another.

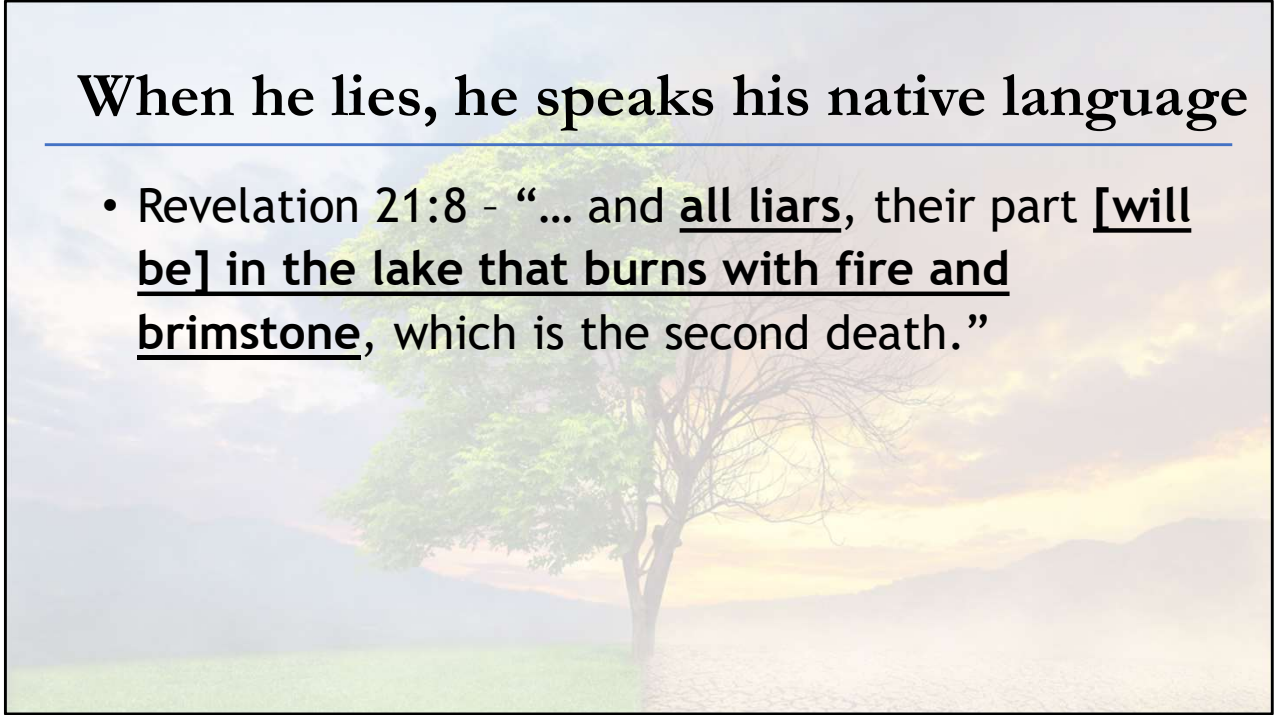
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When he lies, he speaks his native language

- Revelation 21:8 - “... and all liars, their part [will be] in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”





Don't speak with forked tongue!
Talking out both sides of your mouth!

So that every mouth may be Silenced!

- Romans 3:10, 13-14 - as it is written: “THERE IS NO RIGHTEOUS PERSON, NOT EVEN ONE; ... THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING, THE VENOM OF ASPES IS UNDER THEIR LIPS; THEIR MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS; ...

to keep people from having excuses NLT
every mouth may be stopped KJV
that every mouth may be silenced NIV
so that every mouth may be shut CSB

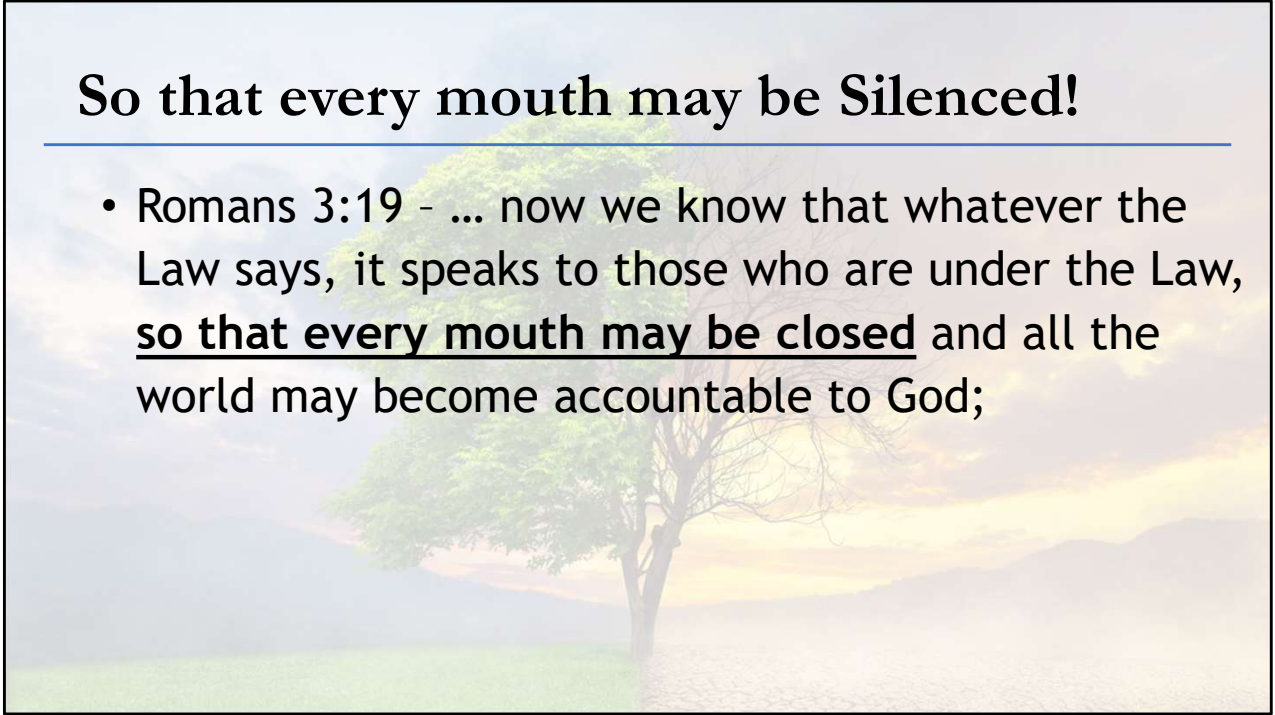
Throat, Tongues, Lips, Mouth


Rom.3 the Classic passage proving the Depravity of Man. Speaks much of our tongues!

[Rom 3:11-12 THERE IS NO ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NO ONE WHO SEEKS OUT GOD; 12 THEY HAVE ALL TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME CORRUPT; THERE IS NO ONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE.”

So that every mouth may be Silenced!

- Romans 3:19 - ... now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, **so that every mouth may be closed** and all the world may become accountable to God;





**Watch
Your
Mouth!**

**But now ye also put off all these;
anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy
communication out of your mouth
Colossians 3:8**

And [there must be
no] filthiness or
foolish talk, or
vulgar joking, which
are not fitting, but
rather giving of
thanks.
- Ephesians 5:4 -

Col 3:8 But now you also, rid yourselves of all of them: anger, wrath, malice, slander, [and] obscene speech from your mouth.

[Slander G988](#) βλασφημίαν βλασφημία *blasphēmia slander, detraction, speech injurious, to another's good name, reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty*

foul speaking, low and obscene speech, vile conversation, shameful, filthy,

[Eph 5:4 NASB20] 4 and [there must be no] filthiness or foolish talk, or vulgar joking, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

[Eph 5:3 NASB20] 3 But sexual immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints;

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say that,] so that it will give grace to those who hear.

“I am a man of unclean lips!” Isaiah!

- Isaiah 6:5-6 - Then I said, “Woe to me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of armies ...
- Job 40:4-5 - “Behold, I am insignificant; what can I say in response to You? I put my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not reply; or twice, and I will add nothing [more].” -2:10

Even 3 of the Greats sinned with their lips! It may have been their only visible sin

[Isa 6:5-6 NASB20] 5 Then I said, "Woe to me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of armies." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs.

[Job 40:4-5 NASB20] 4 "Behold, I am insignificant; what can I say in response to You? I put my hand on my mouth. 5 "I have spoken once, and I will not reply; Or twice, and I will add nothing [more]."

[Job 42:3, 6 NASB20] 3 'Who is this who conceals advice without knowledge?' Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I do not know. ... 6 Therefore I retract, And I repent, [sitting] on dust and ashes."

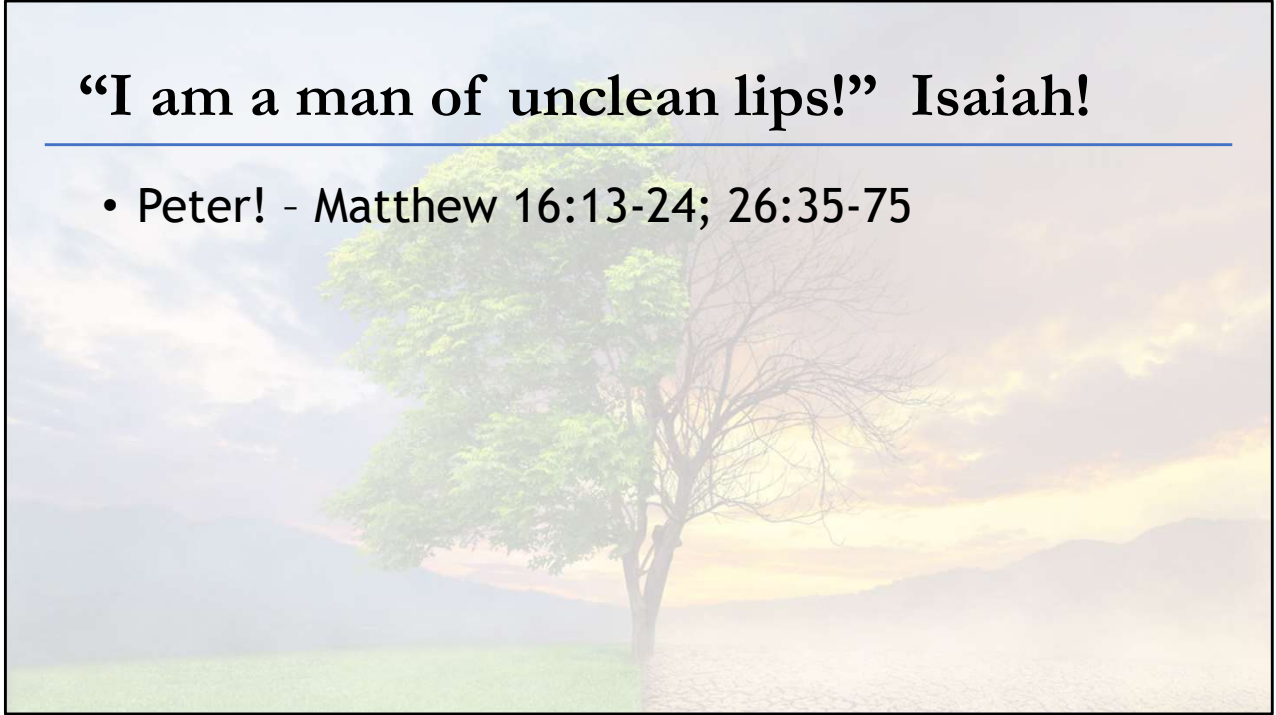
[Job 1:22 NASB20] 22 Despite all this, Job did not sin, nor did he blame God.
[Job 2:10 NASB20] 10 But he said to her, "You are speaking as one of the foolish women speaks. **Shall we actually accept good from God but not accept adversity?**" **Despite all this, Job did not sin with his lips.**

[Mat 16:13-19, 22-24 NASB20] 13 Now when Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some [say] John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and [still] others, Jeremiah, or one of the [other] prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you yourselves say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal [this] to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." ... 22 And [yet] Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You!" 23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's purposes, but men's." 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.

[Mat 26:35, 48, 60-61, 69-75 NASB20] 35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" All the disciples said the same thing as well. ... 48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign [previously,] saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is [the one;] arrest Him." ... 60 They did not find [any,] even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, 61 and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'" ... 69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a slave woman came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." 70 But he denied [it] before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." 71 When he had gone out to the gateway, another [slave woman] saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 And again he denied [it,] with an oath: "I do not know the man." 73 A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "You really are [one] of them as well, since even the way you talk gives you away." 74 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the Man!" And immediately a rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the statement that Jesus had made: "Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

“I am a man of unclean lips!” Isaiah!

- Peter! - Matthew 16:13-24; 26:35-75





Proverbs 18:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

The Tongue has NO bones, but it is strong enough to break a heart! So be careful with your words!

Your words have power, use them wisely

Many people are afflicted and tormented the entirety of their lives by the cruel words of family in their youth!

Seasoned with salt

- Proverbs 10:20 - The tongue of the righteous is [like] choice silver
- Proverbs 13:17 - ... But a faithful messenger [brings] healing.
- Proverbs 16:24 - Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones

[Pro 10:20-21 NASB20] 20 The tongue of the righteous is [like] choice silver, The heart of the wicked is [worth] little. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of understanding.

[Pro 13:17 NASB20] 17 A wicked messenger falls into adversity, But a faithful messenger [brings] healing.

[Pro 15:7 NASB20] 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge, But the hearts of fools are not so.

[Pro 16:24 NASB20] 24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

[Pro 25:11 NASB20] 11 [Like] apples of gold in settings of silver, Is a word spoken at the proper time.

[Pro 15:23 NASB20] 23 A person has joy in an apt answer, And how delightful is a timely word!

[Pro 24:26 NASB20] 26 One who gives a right answer Kisses the lips.

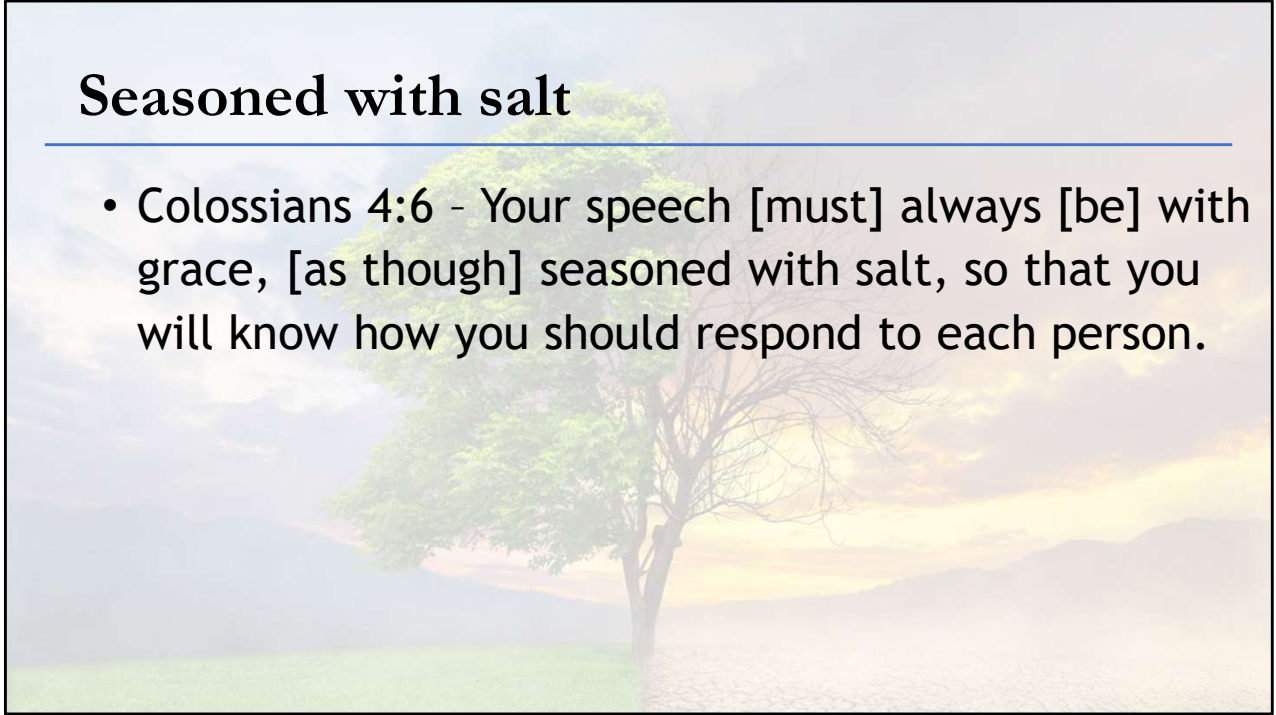
[Ecc 12:10 NASB20] 10 The Preacher sought to find delightful words and to write words of truth correctly.

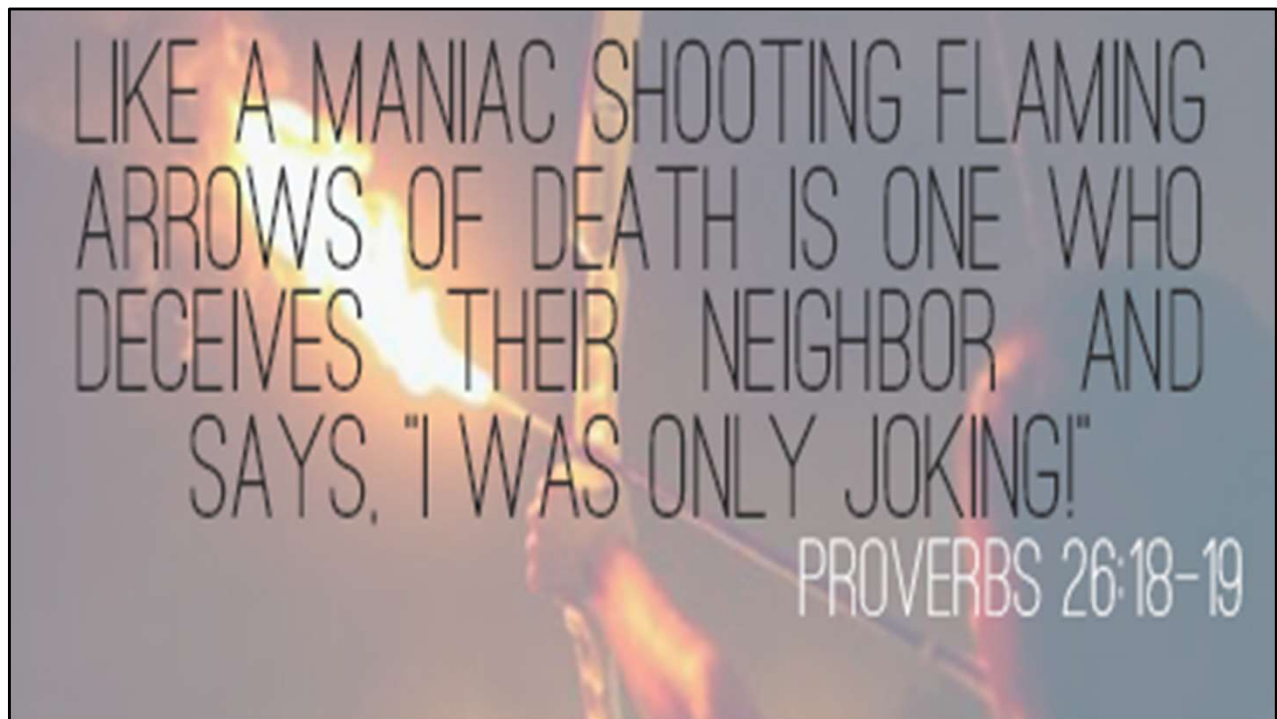
[Isa 50:4 NASB20] 4 The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, So that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens [Me] morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

[1Pe 3:14-16 NASB20] 14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE IN DREAD, 15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always [being] ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect; 16 and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who disparage your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

Seasoned with salt

- Colossians 4:6 - Your speech [must] always [be] with grace, [as though] seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.





“I didn’t mean it” ??? Then why did you say it?

Like a Maniac shooting flaming arrows of death is one who deceives their neighbor and says I was only joking!

[Pro 26:18-28 NASB20] 18 Like a maniac who shoots flaming arrows, arrows, and death, 19 So is a person who deceives his neighbor, And says, "Was I not joking?" 20 For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no gossip, quarreling quiets down. 21 [Like] charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, So is a contentious person to kindle strife. 22 The words of a gossip are like dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts of the body. 23 [Like] an earthenware vessel overlaid with silver impurities Are burning lips and a wicked heart. 24 One who hates disguises [it] with his lips, But he harbors deceit in his heart. 25 When he speaks graciously, do not believe him, Because there are seven abominations in his heart. 26 [Though his] hatred covers itself with deception, His wickedness will be revealed in the assembly. 27 One who digs a pit will fall into it, And one who rolls a stone, it will come back on him. 28 A lying tongue hates those it crushes, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

Pro 12:18 There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the

tongue of the wise brings healing.

[Pro 25:18 NASB20] 18 [Like] a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow Is a person who gives false testimony against his neighbor.

[Psa 52:2 NASB20] 2 Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.

[Psa 57:4 NASB20] 4 My soul is among lions; I must lie [among] those who devour, [Among] sons of mankind whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their tongue is a sharp sword.

[Psa 59:7 NASB20] 7 Behold, they gush forth with their mouths; Swords are in their lips, For, [they say,] "Who hears?"

[Psa 64:3 NASB20] 3 Who have sharpened their tongues like a sword. They aimed bitter speech [as] their arrows,

[Jer 9:3-5 NASB20] 3 "They bend their tongues [like] their bows; Lies and not truth prevail in the land; For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me," declares the LORD. 4 "Let everyone be on guard against his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; Because every brother utterly betrays, And every neighbor goes about as a slanderer. 5 "Everyone deceives his neighbor And does not speak the truth. They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves committing wrongdoing.

[Jas 3:6 NASB20] 6 And the tongue is a fire, the [very] world of unrighteousness; the tongue is set among our body's parts as that which defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of [our] life, and is set on fire by hell.

Sins of the Tongue (we need to stop)

- **Lying** Tongue
- **Flattering** Tongue (insincere praise)
- **Proud** Tongue
- **Over-used** Tongue (talking too much)
- **Swift** Tongue (hasty)
- **Back-biting** Tongue (gossip)
- **Tale-bearing** Tongue (rumours)
- **Cursing** Tongue (swearing)
- **Piercing** Tongue (hurtful words)
- **Silent** Tongue (many times it's ok to be quiet, but don't be quiet when you're supposed to witness to Christ)



Which sins of the tongue are the worst?

1. Lying
2. Gossip/slander/sowing discord among brothers
3. Angry/wrathful tongue
4. Filthy talk/cursing
5. Grumbling
6. Promise breaking
7. Silent?

The Tongue of the believer

1. Worshipful praise (praise is about who God is, not just what I receive from

Him!)

2. Thanksgiving, in everything give thanks
3. Singing Eph.5 is the very evidence of Spirit filling
4. Gospel preaching 1 Peter 3.15, "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear".
5. Edification – ministers grace to the hearer, "a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Prov 15.23) "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Eph 4.29)
6. Pray – ask God
7. Teach/instruct David spoke of his tongue as a pen (Ps. 45:1) and his enemies' tongues as sharp swords (Ps. 57:4) Prov.10:20-21

"Never man spake like this man" (Jn 7.46). Men "wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth" (Lk 4.22), and there was no "guile found in his mouth...when he was reviled, (He) reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not" (1 Pet 2.22,23).

[Pro 10:20-21 NASB20] 20 The tongue of the righteous is [like] choice silver, The heart of the wicked is [worth] little. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of understanding.

[Pro 15:7 NASB20] 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge, But the hearts of fools are not so.

William McPherson, who lost his sense of sight, hearing, and all four limbs in a mining explosion, used his tongue to read the Bible in Braille.

Another list

Gossip – unconstrained talk about others (typically marked by unconfirmed or untrue details)

- **Slander** – making false and damaging statements to smear someone's character
- **Scorning** – harboring contempt (says they are worthless)
- **Mocking** – contempt-fueled belittling (typically incl. laughing at)
- **Scoffing** – to speak to someone about something in a scornful/mocking way
- **Quarrelsome/contentious/argumentative** – having a perpetually combative posture
- **Strife** – bitter disagreement/conflict
- **Lying** – saying or withholding something with the intent to deceive someone who has the right to know the truth Proverbs 6:17, Revelation 21:8
- **Manipulation** – influencing others in an exploiting, self-serving way
- **Boasting** – self-praise, **Proud tongue Proverbs 16:5**
- **Cursing** – to wish harm/injury upon someone
- **Insulting/criticizing** – to search for and magnify fault in others
- **Insolence** – showing haughtiness, lack of respect for others
- **Foul/rotten/unwholesome/perverse speech** – deliberately toxic
- **Harshness** – cruel and severe language

- **Abusiveness** – excessively and repeatedly cruel and severe language
- **Grumbling/discontentment** – always finding fault
- **Promise-breaking** – retracting/undercutting a once-given assurance
- **Flattery** – excessive, insincere praise Psalm 12:3-4
- **Busybody/meddling** – interfering with others' affairs; treating what should be merely a concern as if it's your responsibility
- **Stirring up division** – promoting disunity & hostility among people

William McPherson--the man who read the Bible with his tongue

I. How much do you value a Bible?

A. This man made an effort.

William McPherson was severely injured when a charge of dynamite exploded in front of his face. Although he survived the blast, he lost both hands, both eyes, and the feeling in parts of his face. He was a new Christian and he realized how much the Bible meant to him. He needed its strength now more than ever, but he couldn't read it. William heard that a woman in Britain had learned to read Braille with her lips, so he ordered portions of the Bible in Braille. When it arrived, he was dismayed to discover that the explosion had deadened the nerves in his lips so that no sense of touch remained. But then he found his tongue was able to feel the raised dots.

Although the metal left his lips and tongue bleeding and very sore, he prayed to God to help him continue to learn just one letter of the alphabet. A teacher was able to help him learn the Moon Type system of Braille, which uses simplified figures instead of dots. In the 65 years that followed, this Kansas City man read the Bible through four times with his tongue. How much effort do you put into reading God's Word?

<https://pluckingparables.blogspot.com/2021/08/william-mcpherson-man-who-read-bible.html>

<https://research.lifeway.com/2019/03/22/how-much-do-you-cherish-gods-word/>
By Kandi Gallaty

Sometimes hearing other people's passion for God's Word helps inspire our own. One person—William McPherson—had a commitment to Scripture that was remarkable.

He was a Scottish quarry worker who came to America in 1893 and settled outside of Denver. A hard worker, William eventually earned the spot of quarry superintendent. Though he had a number of admirable traits, he tended to be a bit impatient at times.

One day his impatience got the best of him and he grabbed a live stick of dynamite. It exploded while he was hovered over it. They were hours away from a doctor, but thanks to the efforts of his coworkers, he didn't die.

Unfortunately, though, the accident left him with no hands, little feeling in his face, and no eyesight. From that moment on, he was blind.

Up to this point in his life he had lived for himself, reckless and free. Now, he was entirely dependent on others to help him get by. On several occasions before, others had tried to share Christ with him; now, due to his accident, he was in a place to listen.

He gave his heart to the Lord in the coming months but was not satisfied by simply having someone read Scripture to him. He longed for the ability to read it for himself.

His injury was taxing to those around him, though— emotionally, physically, and financially. Eventually, his family found themselves unable to take care of him so he entered a home in Illinois for the aged and disabled.

Day in and day out he lived in darkness and solitude. He lived out the repetitive mornings, the same-song afternoons, and the identical evenings, armed with little more than his new-found hope in Christ.

It was desperately lonely, and he had little hope that anything about his life would change until he died.

At the nearby school, lecturers would come and speak about various topics that the people in the home were facing. One day he learned of a young blind girl who had learned Braille and was able to read her Bible with her fingertips. William couldn't do this because the explosion had taken his hands.

Over time, this young girl lost the feeling in her own hands and was distraught. She brought the Bible to her lips one day to kiss it goodbye, and to her amazement, felt something. She discovered that she could feel the raised letters with her lips!

The story of this young girl had William pondering whether there was hope for him. He had lived in blackness for five years when God sent a blind girl named Anna Johnson to the home to work with some of the blind patients.

Working with William proved to be frustrating, though: he had no hands, so conventional reading wouldn't work. He had no feeling in his face, so the technique the little girl had adopted wouldn't work either, although they tried many times.

One day William asked Anna when she was about to go home for the day, if she could leave with him one of the little cards they had been practicing with.

He kept trying to feel the little raised bumps with different parts of his body, when he realized he had not prayed and asked God for help. So he earnestly begged God for help.

The next time he raised the card to his lips, his tongue slipped out and brushed the paper. To his astonishment, he could feel the raised letters with his tongue! He couldn't wait for Anna to come back so he could tell her.

With Anna's help, William learned how to read braille with his tongue. In the 65 years that followed, and after much bleeding and soreness, William McPherson read the entire Bible four times with his tongue.

I am absolutely blown away by this man. His example leaves those of us who can see with no excuse. God forbid we die and stand next to William in heaven, and we can't say that we have read the Bible once with all parts of our body functioning properly. That would be a true tragedy.

The year I heard this, I happened to be in the middle of reading the Bible in its entirety for the first time. At the end of the year, on December 31, I went to Robby in tears and told him, "If I die and stand next to William, I can say I have one under my belt. He would have four and I would have one."

Then the next year came and on December 31, I went to Robby and I said, “If I die and stand next to William, he will have four and I have two.” It became a sort of benchmark for me, a small way to measure how devoted I was to spending time in God’s Word.

I wasn’t rushing through, I wasn’t using Bible reading as a measure of my relationship, but rather as something of a barometer for my passion. By the end of the third year I could tell William if I saw him in heaven that I had read God’s Word three times through.

Though that was a feat by itself, something even more remarkable had happened: I had cultivated a passion for the Word of God.

As the years have gone on, I have learned that I don’t have to read the Bible in its entirety every year. It’s not about the quantity of Scripture we read, but the quality time spent in it.

As my focus shifted from reading large quantities of Scripture to smaller, I’ve noticed that I now read “less” in order to digest more. But this is all just a part of my journey.

If you have never read the Bible through, I cannot stress enough how enriching of an experience it is. You get a full view of the work that God has done in His people and see how His plan fits together perfectly—and continues to this day. If you’ve never read it through, it is never too late to begin.

The Chicago Tribune published an article about William on April 27, 1913. In it, William commented that he believed that he was uplifted spiritually by being struck down physically. Though his vision was dark, his awakened soul could see beauties of life and the fullness of God. Sightless, he could see more than many blessed with vision. The Lord crushed him so that He might use him. God’s Word brought hope where there was once despair.

God’s Word reveals knowledge, wisdom, and truth for this life—the kind of Truth that will set you free.

<h2>Sins of the Tongue</h2>			
THE BIBLE LISTS AT LEAST 18 SINS OF THE TONGUE			
(1) CURSING	(5) TALE BEARING Leviticus 19:16	(9) DECEIT Romans 3:13	(13) IDLE WORDS Matthew 12:36
(2) FLATTERY Psalm 12:3	(6) WHISPERS Romans 1:29	(10) REVILING 1 Corinthians 6:10	(14) BLASPHEMY Colossians 3:8
(3) EVIL SPEAKING Ephesians 4:31	(7) BACKBITING Romans 1:30	(11) FOOLISH TALKING Ephesians 5:4	(15) FALSE TEACHING Titus 1:10-11
(4) LYING Revelation 21:8	(8) BOASTING Romans 1:39	(12) JESTING Ephesians 5:4	(16) FILTHY SPEECH Colossians 3:8
(17) CROOKED SPEECH Proverbs 4:24		(18) HARSH CRITICISM Matthew 5:22	

18 Sins of the tongue

Cursing

[Psa 10:7 NASB20] 7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; Under his tongue is harm and injustice.

[Psa 109:17 NASB20] 17 He also loved cursing, so it came to him; And he did not delight in blessing, so it was far from him.

[Rom 3:14 NASB20] 14 "THEIR MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS";

[Jas 3:10 NASB20] 10 from the same mouth come [both] blessing and cursing. My brothers [and sisters,] these things should not be this way.

Flattery

[Psa 12:3 NLT] 3 May the LORD cut off their flattering lips and silence their boastful tongues.

[Job 32:22 NLT] 22 For if I tried flattery, my Creator would soon destroy me.

[Psa 5:9 NLT] 9 My enemies cannot speak a truthful word. Their deepest desire is to destroy others. Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with flattery.

[Pro 7:5, 21 NLT] 5 Let them protect you from an affair with an immoral woman, from listening to the flattery of a promiscuous woman. ... 21 So she seduced him with her pretty speech and enticed him with her flattery.

[Pro 28:23 NLT] 23 In the end, people appreciate honest criticism far more than

flattery.

[Dan 11:21 NLT] 21 "The next to come to power will be a despicable man who is not in line for royal succession. He will slip in when least expected and take over the kingdom by flattery and intrigue.

[1Th 2:5 NLT] 5 Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money!

Evil Speaking

[Eph 4:31 NASB20] 31 All bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and **slander** must be removed from you, along with all malice.

[Psa 34:13 NASB20] 13 Keep your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit.

1Pe 3:10 For, "THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT.

Lying

[Psa 120:2 NASB20] 2 Rescue my soul, LORD, from lying lips, From a deceitful tongue.

[Pro 6:17 NASB20] 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,

[Pro 12:19, 22 NASB20] 19 Truthful lips will endure forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment. ... 22 Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal faithfully are His delight.

[Pro 17:7 NASB20] 7 Excellent speech is not fitting for a fool, Much less are lying lips to a prince.

[Pro 21:6 NASB20] 6 The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue Is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.

[Pro 26:28 NASB20] 28 A lying tongue hates those it crushes, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

[Rev 21:27 NASB20] 27 and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

[Rev 22:15 NASB20] 15 Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral persons, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

Talebearing

[Pro 11:13 DBY] 13 He that goeth about talebearing revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

[Pro 20:19 DBY] 19 He that goeth about talebearing revealeth secrets; therefore meddle not with him that openeth his lips.

[Pro 11:13 NASB20] 13 One who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, But one who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

[Pro 20:19 NASB20] 19 One who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with a gossip.

[Lev 19:16 NASB20] 16 'You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people; [and] you are not to jeopardize the life of your neighbor. I am the LORD.

[Pro 25:9 NASB20] 9 Argue your case with your neighbor, And do not reveal the secret of another,

[Pro 26:20-22 NASB20] 20 For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no gossiper, quarreling quiets down. 21 [Like] charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, So is a contentious person to kindle strife. 22 The words of a gossiper are like dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts of the body.

Whisperers/Gossips

[Rom 1:29 NASB20] 29 [people] having been filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, [and] evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, [and] malice; [they are] gossips,

[1Ti 3:11 NASB20] 11 Women [must] likewise [be] dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

[1Ti 5:13 NASB20] 13 At the same time they also learn [to be] idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also [they become] gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper [to mention.]

[2Ti 3:3 NASB20] 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,

[Tit 2:3 NASB20] 3 Older women likewise [are to be] reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

Backbiting

[Pro 25:23 ESV] 23 The north wind brings forth rain, and a backbiting tongue, angry looks.

Boasting

[1Sa 2:3 NASB20] 3 "Do not go on boasting so very proudly, Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; For the LORD is a God of knowledge, And with Him actions are weighed.

[Rom 3:27 NASB20] 27 Where then is boasting? It has been excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

[1Co 5:6 NASB20] 6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump [of dough?]

[Jas 4:16 NASB20] 16 But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.

[1Co 1:29, 31 NASB20] 29 so that no human may boast before God. ... 31 so that, just as it is written: "LET THE ONE WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

[1Co 4:7 NASB20] 7 For who considers you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

[1Co 9:16 NASB20] 16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast [about,] for I am under compulsion; for woe to me if I do not preach the gospel.

[2Co 10:17 NASB20] 17 But THE ONE WHO BOASTS IS TO BOAST IN THE LORD.

[2Co 12:9 NASB20] 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Deceit

[Psa 5:6 NASB20] 6 You destroy those who speak lies; The LORD loathes the person of bloodshed and deceit.

[Psa 10:7 NASB20] 7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; Under his tongue is harm and injustice.

[Psa 24:4 NASB20] 4 One who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to deceit And has not sworn deceitfully.

[Psa 32:2 NASB20] 2 How blessed is a person whose guilt the LORD does not take into account, And in whose spirit there is no deceit!

[Psa 34:13 NASB20] 13 Keep your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit.

[Psa 50:19 NASB20] 19 "You let your mouth loose in evil, And your tongue harnesses deceit.

[Psa 101:7 NASB20] 7 One who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house; One who speaks lies shall not maintain his position before me.

[Pro 12:20 NASB20] 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace [have] joy.

[Pro 26:24 NASB20] 24 One who hates disguises [it] with his lips, But he harbors deceit in his heart.

[Jer 9:8 NASB20] 8 "Their tongue is a deadly arrow; It speaks deceit; With his mouth one speaks peace to his neighbor, But inwardly he sets an ambush for him.

[Rom 1:29 NASB20] 29 [people] having been filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, [and] evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, [and] malice; [they are] gossips,

[Rom 3:13 NASB20] 13 "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP **DECEIVING**," "THE VENOM OF ASPES IS UNDER THEIR LIPS";

Reviling

[1Co 6:10 NASB20] 10 nor thieves, nor [the] greedy, nor those habitually drunk, nor verbal abusers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

[1Co 5:11 NASB20] 11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is a sexually immoral person, or a greedy person, or an idolater, or is verbally[G3060] abusive[G3060], or habitually drunk, or a swindler--not even to eat with such a person.

Foolish talking, foolish , baffoonery,

[Eph 5:4 NASB20] 4 and [there must be no] filthiness or **foolish talk**, or vulgar joking, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Coarse jesting, Vulgarity

[Eph 5:4 NASB20] 4 and [there must be no] filthiness or foolish talk, or **vulgar joking**, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Idle words, careless

[Mat 12:36 NASB20] 36 "But I tell you that [for] every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on [the] day of judgment.

Blasphemy/Slander

[Col 3:8 NASB20] 8 But now you also, rid yourselves of all of them: anger, wrath, malice, slander, [and] obscene speech from your mouth.

[Mat 12:31 NASB20] 31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy[G988] shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy[G988] against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

[Mat 15:19 NASB20] 19 "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, [acts of] adultery, [other] immoral sexual acts, thefts, false testimonies, [and] slanderous[G988] statements[G988].

[Mar 7:22 NASB20] 22 deeds of greed, wickedness, deceit, indecent behavior, envy, slander[G988], pride, [and] foolishness.

[Eph 4:31 NASB20] 31 All bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander[G988] must be removed from you, along with all malice.

[1Ti 6:4 NASB20] 4 he is conceited [and] understands nothing; but he has a sick craving for controversial questions and disputes about words, from which come envy, strife, abusive[G988] language[G988], evil suspicions,

[Jde 1:9 NASB20] 9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him an abusive[G988] judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

[Rev 2:9 NASB20] 9 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the slander[G988] by those who say they are Jews, and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

False Teaching

[Tit 1:10-11 NASB20] 10 For there are many rebellious people, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not [**teach**] **for the sake of dishonest gain.**

Filthy Speech

[Col 3:8 NASB20] 8 But now you also, rid yourselves of all of them: anger, wrath, malice, slander, [and] obscene speech from your mouth.

Crooked Speech

[Pro 4:24 NASB20] 24 Rid yourself of a deceitful mouth And keep **devious speech** far from you.

Harsh Criticism

[Mat 5:22 NASB20] 22 "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be answerable to the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be answerable to the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty [enough to go] into the fiery hell.

The tongue is a fire

- a perfect man, able to rein in the ... tongue - 3:2
- a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! - 3:5
- is set on fire by hell. (Gehanna) - 3:6
- no one among mankind can tame the tongue - 3:8
- BUT, The Holy Spirit can control the Tongue!
- Blessing ... spring water ... Figs - 3:10-12, 5:9, 12-20

[Jas 5:9, 12-20 NASB20] 9 **Do not complain**, brothers [and sisters,] against one another, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. ... 12 But above all, my brothers [and sisters,] **do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you do not fall under judgment.** 13 Is anyone among you suffering? [Then] he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. 14 Is anyone among you sick? [Then] he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer of faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. 16 Therefore, **confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another** so that you may be healed. A **prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much.** 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. 18 Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit. 19 My brothers [and sisters,] **if anyone among you strays from the truth and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that the one who has turned a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.**

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“Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.”

Psalm 141:3

Who Controls Your Tongue?

TONGUE DEPRESSORS

THE TONGUE IS LIKE A FIRE. IT IS A WORLD OF EVIL AMONG THE PARTS OF OUR BODY. IT SPREADS ITS EVIL THROUGH OUR WHOLE BODY AND STARTS A FIRE THAT INFLUENCES ALL OF LIFE. IT GETS THIS FIRE FROM HELL.

JAMES 3:6 ERV

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Guards and Tongue Depressors

[Psa 141:3 NASB20] 3 Set a guard, LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

[Psa 17:3 NASB20] 3 You have put my heart to the test; You have visited [me] by night; You have sifted me and You find nothing; **My intent is that my mouth will not offend.**

[Psa 39:1 For the music director, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David. I said, "I will keep watch over my ways So that I do not sin with my tongue; I will keep watch over my mouth as with a muzzle While the wicked are in my presence."

[Psa 71:8 NASB20] 8 My mouth is filled with Your praise And with Your glory all day long.

Tongues of Fire

- Acts 2:15 - “For these people are not drunk, as you assume, since it is [only] the third hour of the day;

Day of Pentecost contrasted with Mt. Sinai! And Reversing Tower of Babel!

Redemption means our tongues are NOW set on Fire from Heaven, as the Consuming Fire dwells in us!

The burning Bush!

[Mar 12:26 NASB20] 26 "But regarding the fact that the dead rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in [the passage about] the [burning] bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'?"

[Exo 3:2-3 NASB20] 2 Then the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not being consumed. 3 So Moses said, "I must turn aside and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burning up!"

[Act 7:30 NASB20] 30 "After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning thorn bush.

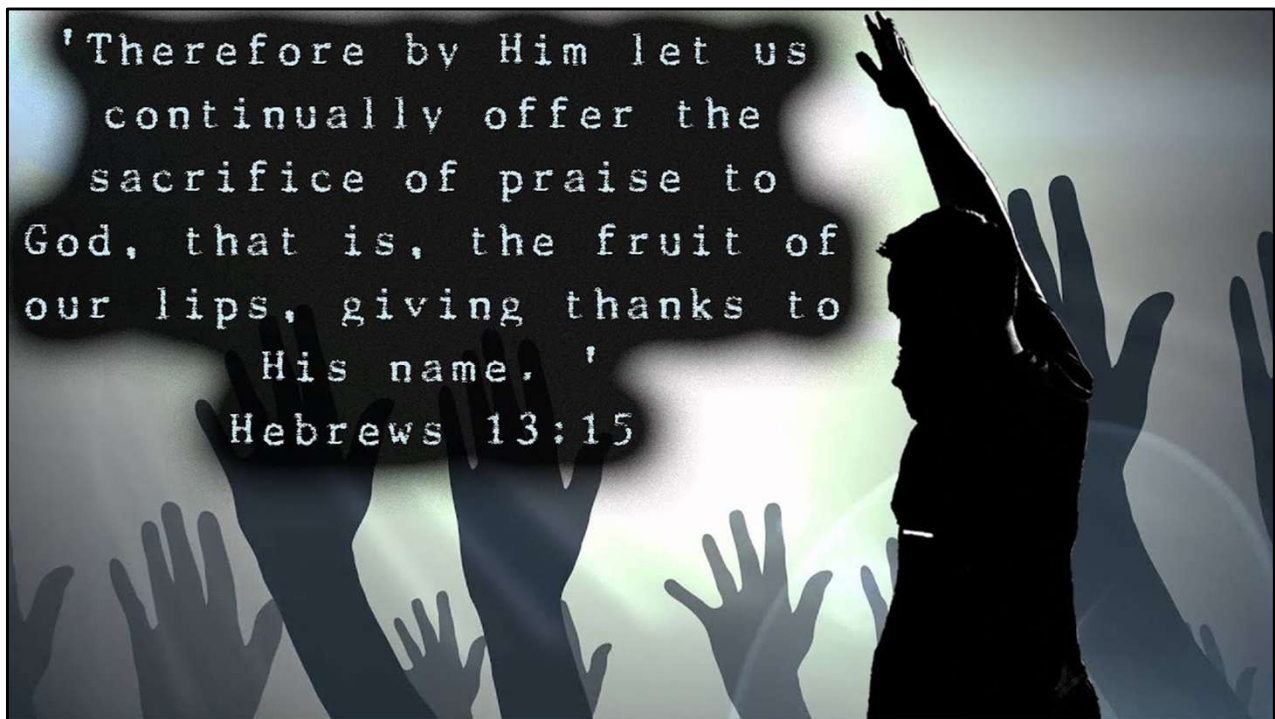
[Eph 5:18-20 NASB20] 18 **And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to**

the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to [our] God and Father;

[Act 2:1-21 NASB20] 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly a noise like a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And tongues [that looked] like fire appeared to them, distributing themselves, and [a tongue] rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with different tongues, as the Spirit was giving them [the ability] to speak out. 5 Now there were Jews residing in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together and they were bewildered, because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 "And how [is it that] we each hear [them] in our own language to which we were born? 9 "Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs--we hear them speaking in our [own] tongues of the mighty deeds of God." 12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others were jeering and saying, "They are full of sweet wine!" 14 But Peter, taking his stand with the [other] eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, know this, and pay attention to my words. 15 "For these people are not drunk, as you assume, since it is [only] the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN WILL HAVE DREAMS; 18 AND EVEN ON MY MALE AND FEMALE SERVANTS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS, And they will prophesy. 19 'AND I WILL DISPLAY WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. 20 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD COMES. 21 'AND IT SHALL BE [THAT] EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

Tongues of Fire

- Ephesians 5:18-20 - And **do not get drunk with wine**, in which there is debauchery, but **be filled (drunk) with the Spirit**, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to [our] God and Father;



Lips/Mouths full of Praise!

[Luk 19:38-40 NASB20] 38 shouting: "BLESSED IS the King, THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And [yet] some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!" 40 Jesus replied, "I tell you, if these stop speaking, the stones will cry out!"

[Heb 13:15 NASB20] 15 Through Him then, let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips praising His name.

[1Pe 2:9 NASB20] 9 But you are A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR [GOD'S] OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

[Psa 107:22 NASB20] 22 They shall also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, And tell of His works with joyful singing.

[Psa 116:17-18 NASB20] 17 I will offer You a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And call upon the name of the LORD. 18 I will pay my vows to the LORD, [May it be] in the presence of all His people,

[Psa 136:1 NASB20] 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His faithfulness is everlasting.

[Psa 145:1 NASB20] 1 [A Psalm] of Praise, of David. I will exalt You, my God, the King, And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

[Eph 5:20 NASB20] 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to [our] God and Father;

[Col 1:12 NASB20] 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

[Col 3:16 NASB20] 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, [and] spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

The Sin of Silence

- 2 Kings 7:9 - Then they said to one another, “We are not doing the right thing. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent [about it]; if we wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now then come, let’s go and inform the king’s household.”

“Silence is sometimes golden, but it can be just plain yellow.”

Edmund Burke observed, “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”

[2Ki 7:8-9 NASB20] 8 When these men with leprosy came to the outskirts of the camp, they entered one tent and ate and drank, and carried from there silver, gold, and clothes, and they went and hid [them;] then they returned and entered another tent, and carried [valuables] from there [also,] and went and hid [them.] 9 Then they said to one another, “We are not doing the right thing. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent [about it;] if we wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now then come, let’s go and inform the king’s household.”

[Act 20:26-28, 31 NASB20] 26 “Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all people. 27 “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. 28 “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ... 31 “Therefore, be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

[Pro 31:8-9 NASB20] 8 Open your mouth for the people who cannot speak, For the rights of all the unfortunate. 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, And defend

the rights of the poor and needy.

[Act 1:8 NASB20] 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

[Mar 16:15 NASB20] 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

[Pro 24:11-12 NASB20] 11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death, And those who are staggering to the slaughter, Oh hold [them] back! 12 If you say, "See, we did not know this," Does He who weighs the hearts not consider [it?] And does He who watches over your soul not know [it?] And will He not repay a person according to his work?

Martin Niemöller (1892-1984) emerged as an outspoken foe of Adolf Hitler. First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Jew.

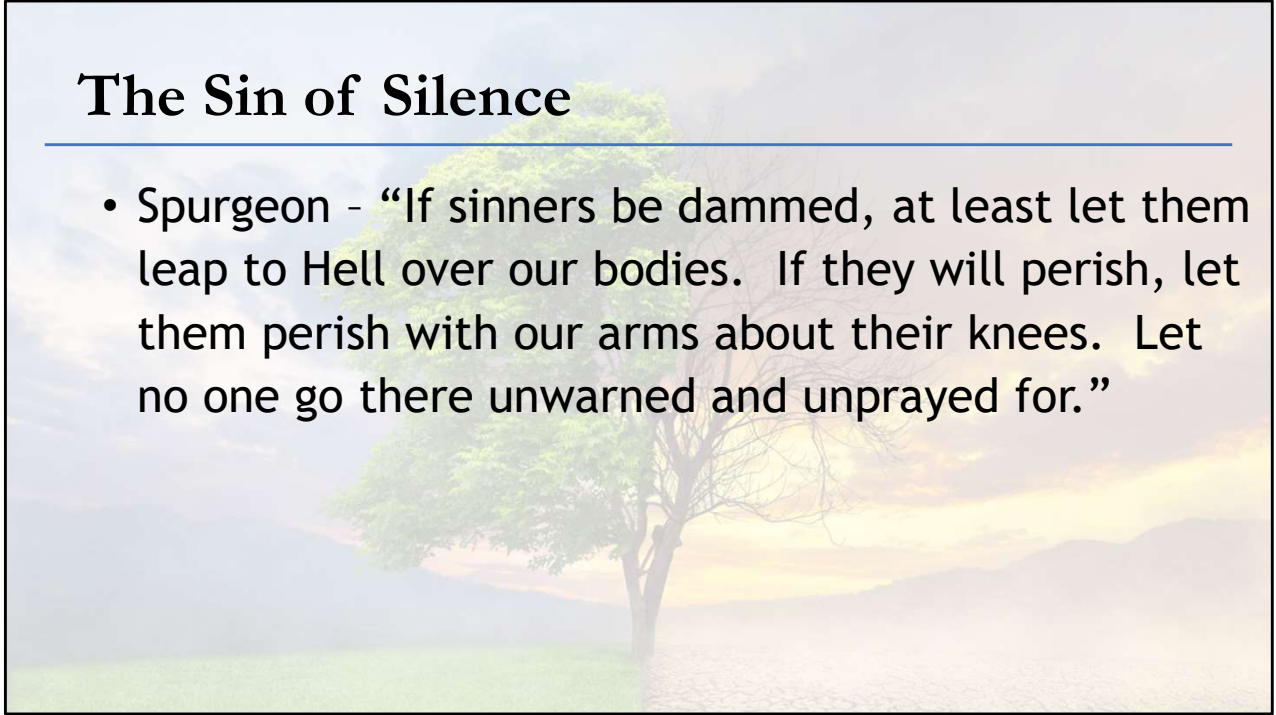
Then they came for me— and there was no one left to speak for me.

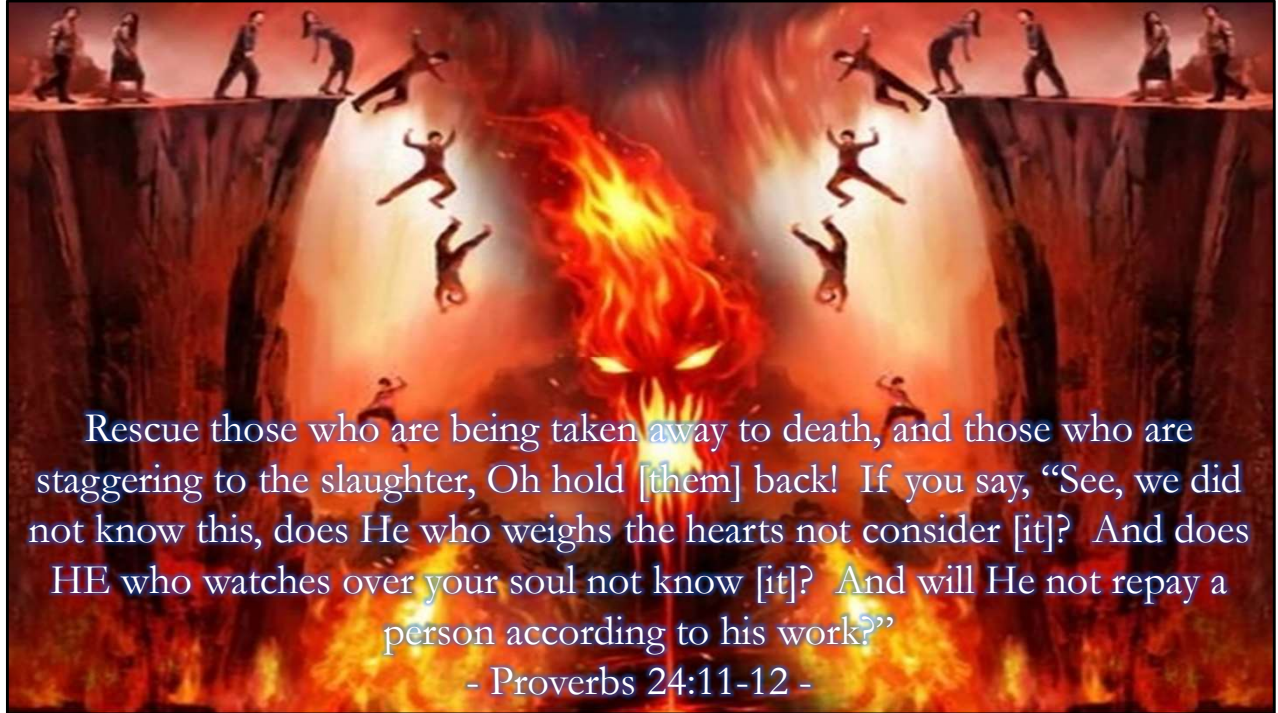
As premier of the Soviet Union, Nikita Khrushchev denounced the atrocities of Joseph Stalin. Once, as he censured Stalin in a public meeting, a heckler interrupted him, saying, "You were one of Stalin's colleagues. Why didn't you stop him?"

"Who said that?" roared Khrushchev. An agonizing silence followed. Nobody in the crowd dared move a muscle. Then Khrushchev replied, "Now you know why."[\[2\]](#)

The Sin of Silence

- Spurgeon - “If sinners be dammed, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”





Rescue those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to the slaughter, Oh hold [them] back! If you say, "See, we did not know this, does He who weighs the hearts not consider [it]? And does HE who watches over your soul not know [it]? And will He not repay a person according to his work?"
- Proverbs 24:11-12 -

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[Eze 3:17 NASB20] 17 "Son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me.
[Eze 33:6-7 NASB20] 6 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the horn and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away for his wrongdoing; but I will require his blood from the watchman's hand.' 7 "Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them a warning from Me.

Before you speak,

**LET YOUR WORDS
PASS THROUGH
THREE GATES:**

**IS IT TRUE?
IS IT KIND?
IS IT NECESSARY?**

Before you speak:

T H I N K

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?



One who guards his
mouth protects his
life; One who opens
wide his lips comes to
ruin.

- Proverbs 13:3 -



Control and Tame your tongue.

Watch what you SAY.

You may NOT be able to take

it back.

Tame

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT

DON'T OPEN YOUR MOUTH:

1. In the heat of anger - Proverbs 14:17.
2. When you don't have all the facts - Proverbs 18:13.
3. When you haven't verified the story - Deuteronomy 17:6.
4. If your words will offend a weaker brother - I Corinthians 8:11.
5. If your words will be a poor reflection of the Lord or your friends and family - Peter 2:21-23.
6. When you are tempted to joke about sin - Proverbs 14:9.
7. When you would be ashamed of your words later - Proverbs 8:8.
8. When you are tempted to make light of holy things - Ecclesiastes 5:2.
9. If your words would convey a wrong impression - Proverbs 17:27.
10. If the issue is none of your business - Proverbs 14:10.
11. When you are tempted to tell an outright lie - Proverbs 4:24.
12. If your words will damage someone's reputation - Proverbs 16:27.
13. If your words will destroy a friendship - Proverbs 25:28.
14. When you are feeling critical - James 3:9.
15. If you can't speak without yelling - Proverbs 25:28.
16. When it is time to listen - Proverbs 13:1.
17. If you may have to eat your words later - Proverbs 18:21.
18. If you have already said it more than one time (Then it becomes nagging) - Proverbs 19:13.
19. When you are tempted to flatter a wicked person - Proverbs 24:24.
20. When you are supposed to be working instead - Proverbs 14:23.

PROVERBS 21:23. "WHOSOEVER KEEPETH HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE, KEEPETH HIS SOUL FROM TROUBLE."




**There is that speaketh like the
piercings of a sword!**

Prov 12:18

SINS

of the tongue



- ✓ Lying
- ✓ Accusing
- ✓ Backbiting
- ✓ Attacking
- ✓ Using hurtful words
- ✓ Obscenity
- ✓ Disgracing and exposing
- ✓ Hurling someone's feelings
- ✓ Imitating someone's voice for mockery
- ✓ Admonishing for no reason
- ✓ Pride when talking
- ✓ Forbidding good
- ✓ Enjoining the wrong
- ✓ Innovation in religion
- ✓ Judging unfairly
- ✓ Make a false oath
- ✓ To offend someone
- ✓ Expressing jealousy and stinginess
- ✓ Bad mannerisms
- ✓ Talking disrespectfully
- ✓ Expressing blasphemy
- ✓ Expressing polytheism
- ✓ Harshness in talking
- ✓ Fault-finding
- ✓ Mocking
- ✓ Slandering
- ✓ Tale-bearing
- ✓ Gossiping
- ✓ To lead someone to dismay
- ✓ Calling people with bad nicknames
- ✓ Excessive Joking with non-Mahrams
- ✓ Flattery
- ✓ Hypocrisy
- ✓ Revealing secrets
- ✓ False witnessing
- ✓ Making a false promise
- ✓ Saying something without knowledge
- ✓ Talking with trickery and deceit
- ✓ Screaming for no reason
- ✓ Excessive Joking
- ✓ To curse people

30 BIBLE VERSES *about* TONGUES

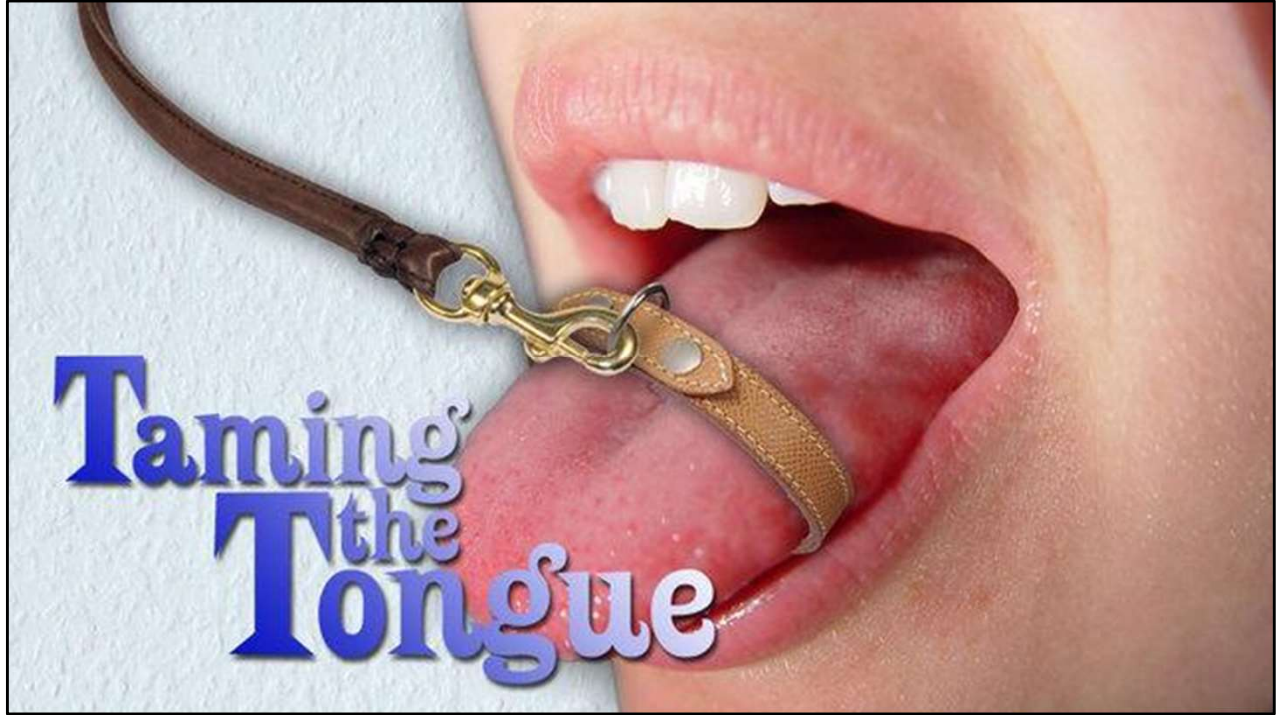
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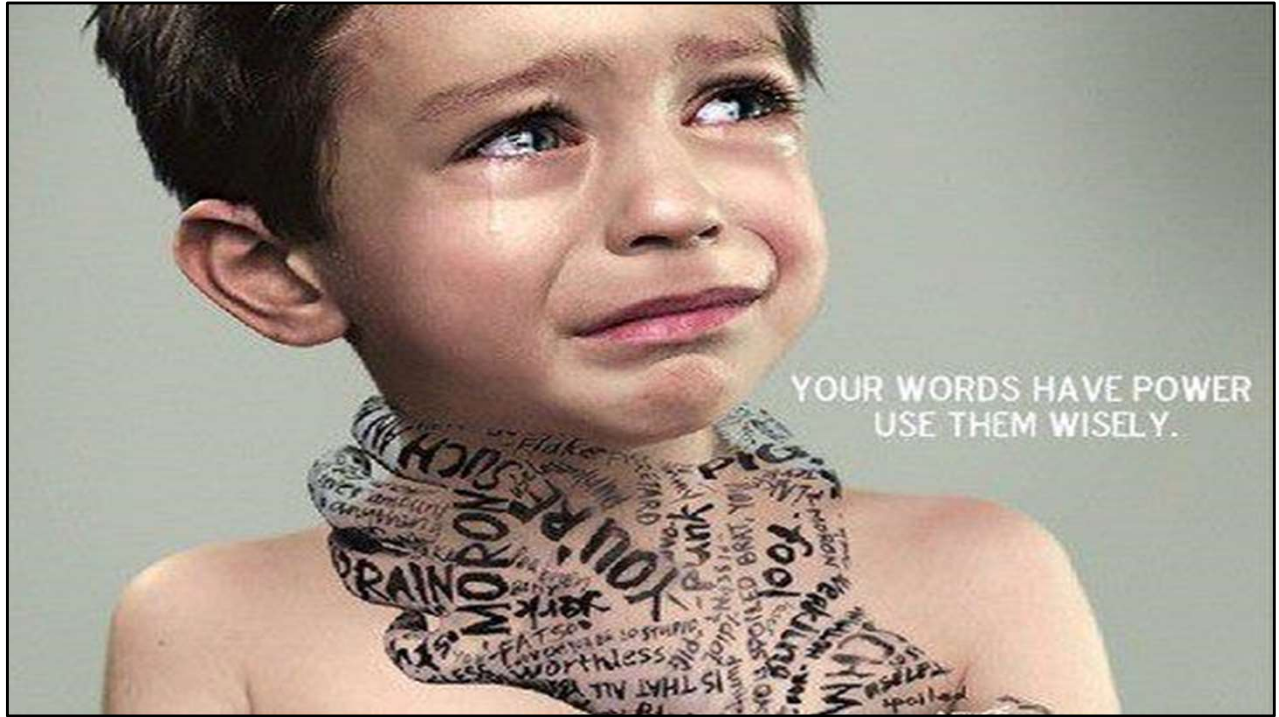
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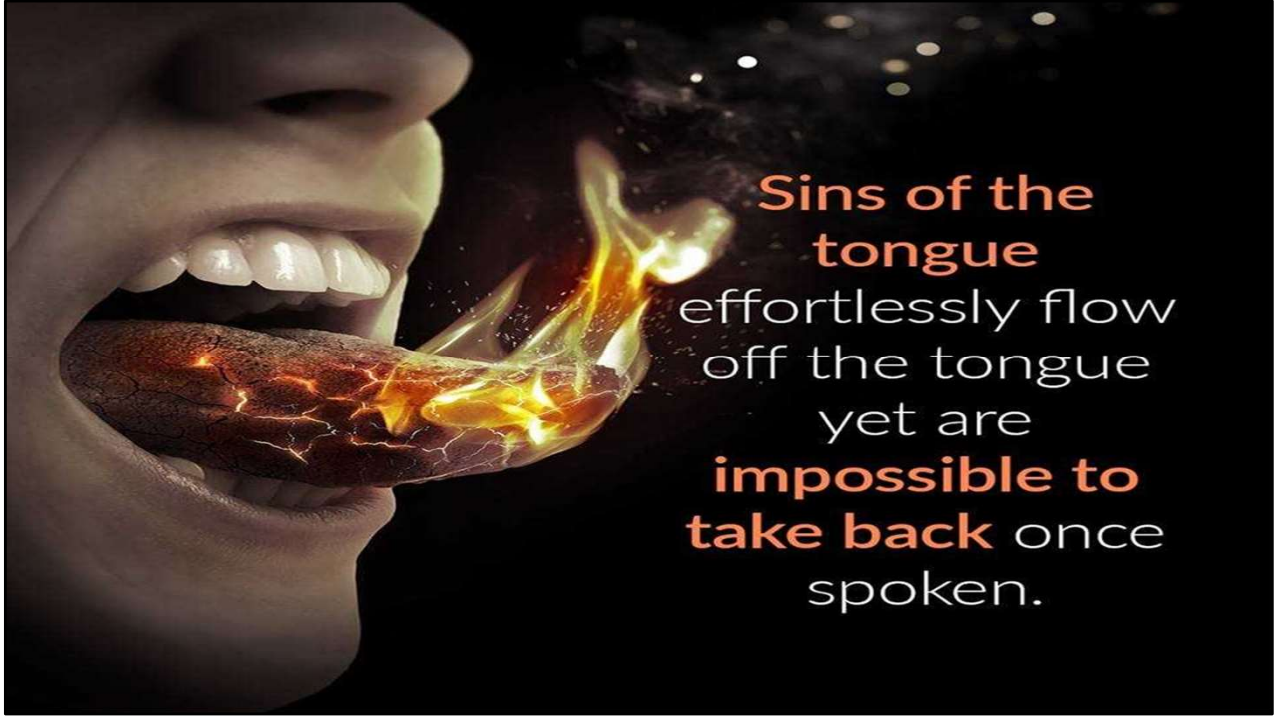
Sins of the Tongue

- Idle Words **Matthew 12:36**
- Lying **Ephesians 4:25**
- Filthy Language **Ephesians 5:4**
- Complaining **Philippians 2:14**
- Blasphemy **Colossians 3:8**
- Arrogant Boasting **James 4:16**
- Gossip **1 Peter 4:15**

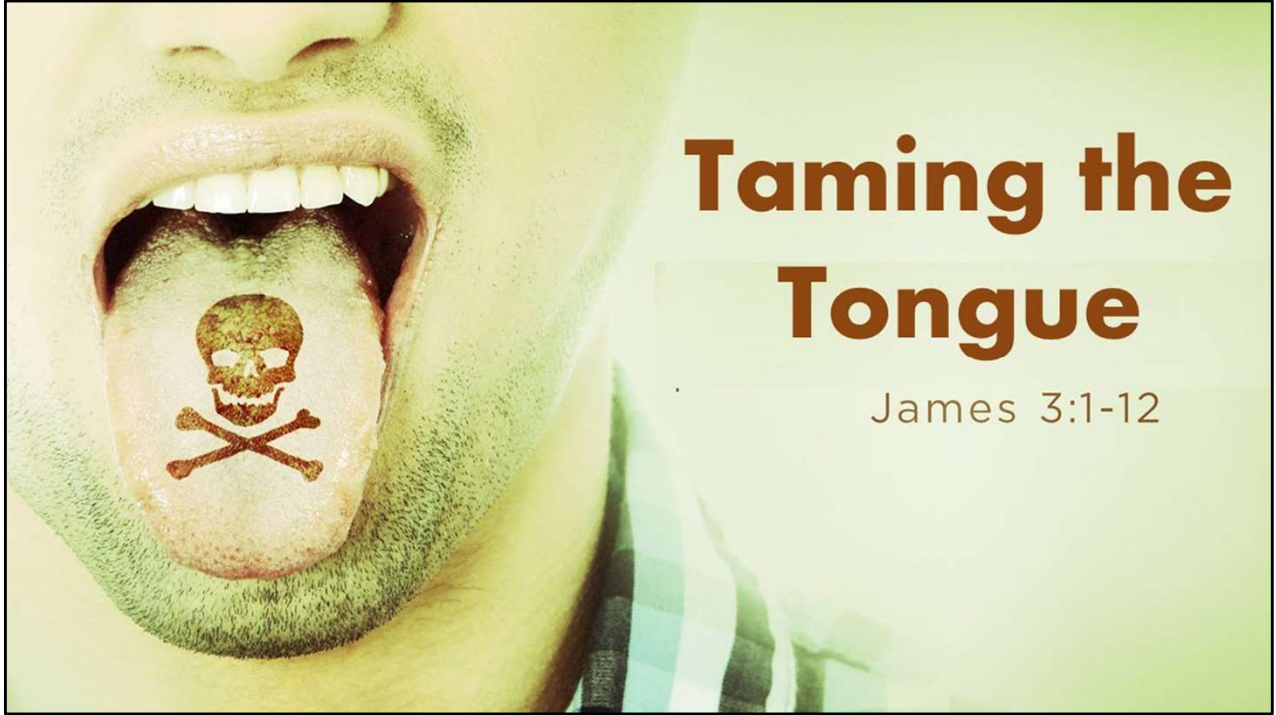




YOUR WORDS HAVE POWER
USE THEM WISELY.



**Sins of the
tongue**
effortlessly flow
off the tongue
yet are
**impossible to
take back** once
spoken.



Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-12

AN IRON BRIDLE FOR A SCOLD'S TONGUE



In some towns they had a rough and ready way of dealing with unpleasant people. If a woman in a town or village was notorious for gossip or scandal-mongering, or was always meddling or nagging, she had the bridle or scold's bridle put on her head, and this very effectively silenced her voice. The bridle was made in various forms, and some of these are shown in the engraving on this page. The implement consisted of an iron framework fixed at some part, so that it could be opened and placed on the head, and then it was fastened up with a padlock, and the scold was either chained to a wall, to be the laughing-stock of her neighbors, or was led through the streets by the bridle, as shown in the engraving. In some forms, the head of the bridle was turned round, so that the scold was a very cruel instrument of torture. In the projection that held down the tongue was a sharp point. Another form of bridle was for those who sniped and gossiped, in which cases the eyes were covered, as shown above on the right. The parish officers who carried out such punishments held office only for a year and were liable to suffer at the hands of their successors if they had been too severe.



Sins of the Tongue

- “Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.” – Psalm 141:3
- “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” – Matt. 12:36-37
- “*Let* your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” – Colossians 4:6



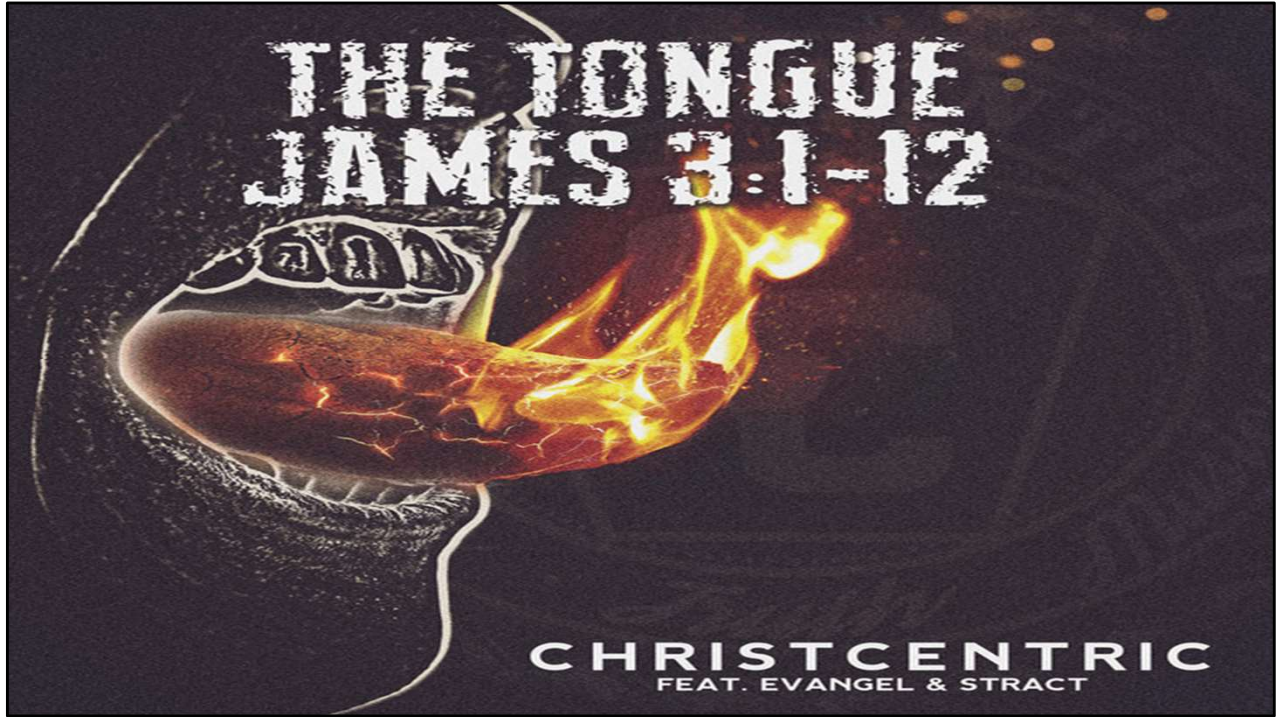
[Pro 21:23 NASB20] 23 One who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles.

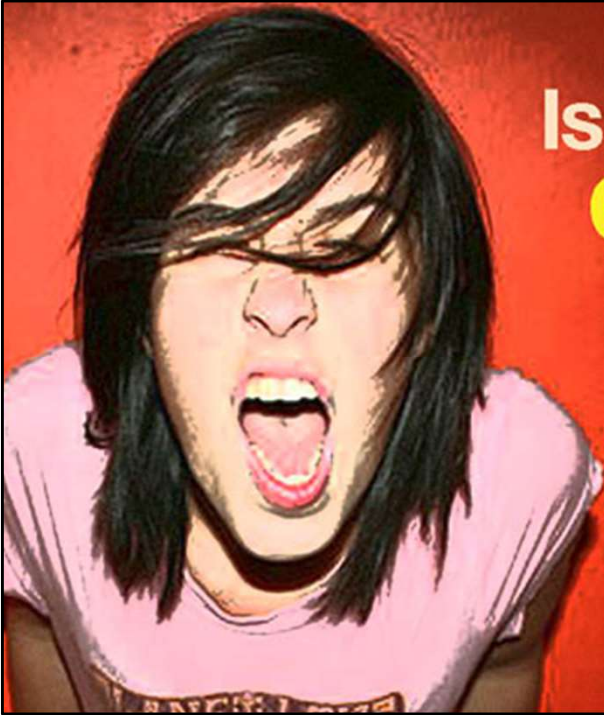
JAMES 3:8



BUT THE
TONGUE
CAN NO MAN TAME;
IT IS AN UNRULY EVIL,
FULL OF DEADLY **POISON**

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Is it wrong to use
cuss words?

What if you're just **joking**?
What if you're **really mad**?
What if **no one else** cares?

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"A tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.... The tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness.... It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself."

James 3:5-6

**Please Help Me Lord To Brake My Tongue
At All Times In Jesus' Name. Amen!**



Where the Amazon River in Brazil
meets the Black River.

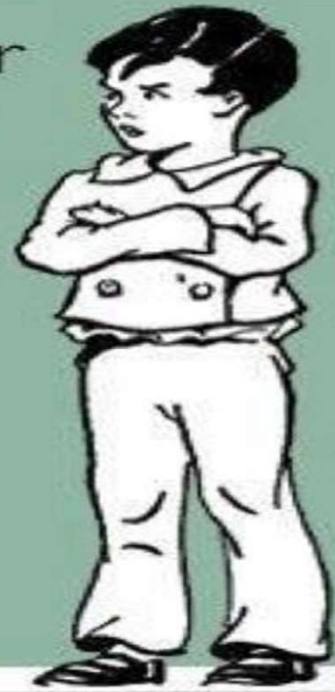


The Gulf of Alaska





Why is it acceptable for you to be an idiot, but not acceptable for me to point it out?



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